

April 27, 2010

The Interpublic Group of Companies
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New York, NY 10036
ATTN: Public Relations or Press Office

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) has updated its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database (<http://www.contractormisconduct.org/>), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including the Interpublic Group of Companies. I have enclosed the findings relevant to your company, and I am seeking verification of this data.

Any response would be greatly appreciated, as the accuracy of this information is in the best interest of all parties. Out of fairness to the Interpublic Group of Companies, please be assured that any response received by POGO will be posted on the website along with the data. Please note that the database includes pending instances, but these are kept separate from resolved instances and are not included in the totals.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 347-1122. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Neil Gordon
Investigator

Enclosure

Instances

1. In re Interpublic Securities Litigation

Date: 06/11/2004 (Date of Settlement)

Misconduct Type: Securities

Enforcement Agency: Non-Governmental

Contracting Party: None

Court Type: Civil

Amount: \$115,000,000

Disposition: Settlement

Synopsis: The plaintiff shareholders claimed damages as a result of IPB issuing false and misleading public statements regarding IPG's financial condition between October 1997 and October 2002 in violation of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The company settled the lawsuit for \$115 million without any admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing.

2. SEC Investigation

Date: 05/01/2008 (Date of Settlement)

Misconduct Type: Securities

Enforcement Agency: SEC

Contracting Party: None

Court Type: Administrative

Amount: \$12,139,272

Disposition: Settlement

Synopsis: In 2003, the Securities and Exchange Commission began conducting a formal investigation in response to IPG's restatement of earnings in August 2002. The SEC investigation was later expanded to include IPG's restatements in 2004 and for the first three quarters of 2005. In May 2008, IPG's McCann-Erickson Worldwide unit agreed to pay a \$12 million penalty to settle the case. In settling, McCann consented to the SEC's charges without admitting to or denying them. A separate consent decree was signed by two former McCann executives, Salvatore LaGreca and Brian Watson, who agreed to pay a total of \$139,272 in penalties, disgorgement and pre-judgment interest.

3. Hayes v. The Interpublic Group of Companies (Age Discrimination)

Date: 05/02/2006 (Date of Filing)

Misconduct Type: Labor

Enforcement Agency: Non-Governmental

Contracting Party: None

Court Type: Civil

Amount: Undisclosed

Disposition: Settlement

Synopsis: George T. Hayes, Jr., a former executive at Interpublic Group's McCann-Erickson agency, sued the company for age discrimination. Hayes, age 53

and a 30-year McCann veteran, claims he was unlawfully dismissed in February 2006 because of his age. The lawsuit was settled in November 2008 for an undisclosed amount (Hayes sought \$30 million in damages in his original complaint).