

**FINAL ORDER-THIS PRELIMINARY SUMMARY DISPOSITION BECAME THE FINAL ORDER
OF THE COMMISSION ON DECEMBER 14, 2022 PURSUANT TO RULE 21F-18(b)(4) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Notice of Covered Action [REDACTED]

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY DISPOSITION
OF THE OFFICE OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER**

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) received a whistleblower award claim from [REDACTED] (“Claimant”) for the above referenced matter. Pursuant to Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 21F-18 promulgated thereunder, the Office of the Whistleblower has evaluated the above claim in accordance with the criteria set forth in Rules 21F-1 through 21F-18 and has designated your award application for resolution through the summary disposition process.

The Office of the Whistleblower has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny the above award claim.¹ The basis for this determination is marked below as follows:

- Claimant provided no information that was reviewed or otherwise used by staff handling the Covered Action or underlying investigation, and those staff members otherwise had no contact with Claimant. Therefore, Claimant did not provide information that led to the successful enforcement of the above-referenced Covered Action(s) within the meaning of Section 21F(b)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rules 21F-3(a)(3) and 21F-4(c) thereunder because the information provided did not: (1) cause the Commission to (i) commence an examination, (ii) open or reopen an investigation, or (iii) inquire into different conduct as part of a current Commission examination or investigation under Rule 21F-4(c)(1) of the Exchange Act; or (2) significantly contribute to the success of a Commission judicial or administrative enforcement action under Rule 21F-4(c)(2) of the Exchange Act.²

- Claimant failed to comply with the requirements of Rules 21F-9(a) & (b) of the Exchange Act, as Claimant did not provide information on Form TCR or through the Commission’s on-line TCR portal or sign the required whistleblower declaration.³

Office of the Whistleblower

Date: November 14, 2022

¹ To the extent Claimant has applied for an award in a related action, because Claimant is not eligible for an award in an SEC Covered Action, Claimant is not eligible for an award in connection with any related action. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 78u-6(b); Exchange Act Rule 21F-3(b), (b)(1); Rule 21F-4(g) and (f); Rule 21F-11(a); *see also* Order Determining Whistleblower Award Claim, Release No. 34-86902 (Sept. 9, 2019).

² Investigative staff responsible for the Covered Action never received any information from Claimant or had any communications with Claimant. As such, Claimant did not provide any information that was used in, or otherwise had any impact on, the investigation or resulting Covered Action.

³ Claimant’s Form WB-APP does not include a valid TCR number upon which he/she bases his/her claim. Nor does it provide any date on which any TCR was purportedly submitted. Further, Enforcement staff was unable to locate any TCR in the Commission’s TCR system from Claimant relating to the Covered Action. Claimant also is not eligible for an automatic waiver of the Form TCR filing requirement under Rule 21F-9(e) because Claimant is not otherwise eligible for an award.