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SEC Poised to Negatively Impact the United States Economic Engine

Changing the Accredited Investor Thresholds Decreases Angel Investment Pool

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ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT: The Board of Governors of start-up-sector self-regulator, TAN2000 International Holdings Corporation (TANHC), urges more people from the start-up world to speak out against the proposed SEC change. The SEC proposal, dated December 18th, 2015, when most people were preoccupied with the holidays, makes multiple suggestions regarding revisions to the Accredited Investor definition any of which, if adopted, would have a ripple effect on the financial markets, moving from early stage start-ups to the public markets. Investors, service providers and aspiring entrepreneurs should be very concerned about any of the alternatives discussed in the report.

Of particular note, the SEC appointed Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies – individuals involved in the sector- disapprove of the SEC proposal. Their recommendations to the SEC regarding the Accredited Investor Definition essentially would have the standards left as they are currently. The Advisory Committee notes that proposed changes will “materially decrease the pool of capital available” as well as have a “disparate impact” on women and minority entrepreneurs. Further, the Advisory Committee believes that emerging companies, as well as publicly traded firms with less than \$250million in public market capitalization, would be negatively impacted by this proposed change. Dr. Sandra Potter, speaking on behalf of the Board of Governors of TANHC, sees the proposed change as widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots. “Start-ups add critically needed jobs to the economy and provide a needed ladder for disadvantaged aspiring entrepreneurs to move upstream socio-economically. Having the early stage capital pool shrink decreases opportunity for everyone.”

It is time for the start-up world to demonstrate the power of voluntary and collaborative self-governance. Changing the Accredited Investor Definition would have a domino effect: shrinking the pool of those who qualify to participate in the early stage capital market decreases the number of startups who are able to work towards launch and employ service providers in their pursuit of market traction.



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About TANHC: Start-up-sector self-regulator TANHC's goal is to bring participants together in a standards-enforced community that restores trust and commitment. The community self-governance model is a powerful one. Entrepreneurs find mentors and support systems that allow them to propel their start-up concept forward. Service providers help these same start-ups without having to worry about whether or not they will be paid. Investors find investable start-ups and worry less about investment risks.

