Notice of Covered Action

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW STAFF

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") received two whistleblower award claims. Pursuant to Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 21F-10 promulgated thereunder, the Claims Review Staff evaluated each of these claims in accordance with the criteria set forth in Rules 21F-1 through 21F-17. The Claims Review Staff sets forth its Preliminary Determination for each award claimant as follows.
No information provided by Claimant 2 led to the successful enforcement of the referenced Covered Action within the meaning of Section 21F(b)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rules 21F-3(a)(3) and 21F-4(c) thereunder because none of the information that Claimant 2 submitted:

a. caused 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

b. significantly contributed to the success of a Commission judicial or administrative enforcement action under Rule 21F-4(c)(2) of the Exchange Act.  

By: Claims Review Staff
Date: July 29, 2019

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2 In reaching this preliminary determination, we note that the record reflects that Enforcement staff responsible for the Covered Action opened the investigation approximately one year before Claimant 2 submitted information to the Commission. Claimant 2’s information and supporting materials were duplicative of information Enforcement staff already had in its possession and none of the information provided by Claimant 2 identified any new issues or areas of investigation.