

**FINAL ORDER - THIS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION BECAME THE FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSION ON JANUARY 18, 2020 PURSUANT TO RULE 21F-10(f) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT**

Notice of Covered Action [REDACTED]

**PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW STAFF**

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the Securities and Exchange Commission received three 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 has 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:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] “Claimant 3)”

The Claims Review Staff has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny an award to Claimants [REDACTED] and 3.

Claimants [REDACTED] and 3 did not provide information that led to the successful enforcement of the 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 any information they 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.

In reaching this preliminary determination, we note that the record reflects that the investigation was opened based on information received from a source other than Claimants [REDACTED] or 3, and that the investigative team did not receive information from, or communicate with, Claimants [REDACTED] or 3.

[REDACTED]

By: Claims Review Staff

Date: November 19, 2019