

**FINAL ORDER-THIS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION BECAME THE FINAL ORDER OF THE
COMMISSION ON JANUARY 6, 2025 AS TO CLAIMANTS 1 AND 2 PURSUANT TO RULE 21F-10(f)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Notice of Covered Action [REDACTED]

Reference No. 01062025

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATIONS OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW STAFF

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the U.S. 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 the below claims in accordance with the criteria set forth in Rules 21F-1 through 21F-18. The Claims Review Staff sets forth its Preliminary Determinations as follows.

[REDACTED] (“Claimant 1”)

The Claims Review Staff has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny an award to Claimant 1. The basis for this determination is that Claimant 1 did not provide information that 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 any information provided did not: (1) under Rule 21F-4(c)(1) of the Exchange Act, cause the Commission to (a) commence an examination, open or reopen an investigation, or inquire into different conduct as part of a current Commission examination or investigation, and (b) thereafter bring an action based, in whole or in part, on conduct that was the subject of Claimant 1’s information; 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.

Enforcement staff opened the Covered Action investigation as a result of its work in another investigation and not because of Claimant 1’s information. Enforcement staff working on the Covered Action investigation and Covered Action do not recall receiving or reviewing any information from Claimant 1 nor communicating with Claimant 1 in connection with the Covered Action investigation or Covered Action. Claimant 1’s information did not allow staff to conserve time and resources in the Covered Action investigation; nor did Claimant 1’s information allow the Commission to bring additional charges or charges against additional defendants. None of Claimant 1’s information caused staff to inquire into different conduct or significantly contributed to the success of the Covered Action.

[REDACTED] (“Claimant 2”)

The Claims Review Staff has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny an award to Claimant 2. The basis for this determination is that Claimant 2 did not provide information that 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 any information provided did not: (1) under Rule 21F-4(c)(1) of the Exchange Act, cause the Commission to (a) commence an examination, open or reopen an investigation, or inquire into different conduct as part of a current Commission examination or investigation, and (b) thereafter bring an action based, in whole or in part, on conduct that was

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the subject of Claimant 2's information; 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.

Enforcement staff opened the Covered Action investigation as a result of its work in another investigation and not because of Claimant 2's information. Enforcement staff working on the Covered Action investigation and Covered Action do not recall receiving or reviewing any information from Claimant 2 nor communicating with Claimant 2 in connection with the Covered Action investigation or Covered Action. Claimant 2's information did not allow staff to conserve time and resources in the Covered Action investigation; nor did Claimant 2's information allow the Commission to bring additional charges or charges against additional defendants. None of Claimant 2's information caused staff to inquire into different conduct or significantly contributed to the success of the Covered Action.

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By: Claims Review Staff

Date: November 5, 2024