

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 96215 / November 3, 2022**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-21226**

**In the Matter of**

**JOSEPH ORAZIO**  
**DEGREGORIO,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,**  
**MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING**  
**REMEDIAL SANCTIONS**

**I.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Joseph Orazio DeGregorio (“DeGregorio” or “Respondent”).

**II.**

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (“Offer”) that the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, Respondent admits the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in paragraph III.2 below, and consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”), as set forth below.

### III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. DeGregorio, 45 years old, is former registered representative residing in Freehold, New Jersey. Between March 1999 and February 2017, DeGregorio was associated with numerous broker-dealers registered with the Commission, including Garden State Securities, Inc. and First Standard Financial Company, LLC. In September 2017, DeGregorio was suspended by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") for failing to comply with an arbitration award.

2. On May 18, 2022, a final judgment was entered by consent against DeGregorio, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Joseph Orazio DeGregorio, Civil Action Number 22-cv-01102 (JRC) (KAM), in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

3. The Commission's complaint alleges that, between October 2015 and March 2021, DeGregorio solicited approximately \$1.2 million from four elderly investors by offering them various fictitious investments, including a purported promissory note and interests in two private companies, Blue Omega, Inc. and Globotix, Inc. The complaint alleges that, in reality, the purported promissory note did not exist, and the two private companies were created and owned by DeGregorio. The complaint also alleges that DeGregorio misappropriated the majority of the investor funds, and used a limited portion of the funds to make partial repayments to investors.

### IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent DeGregorio's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent DeGregorio be, and hereby is, barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act Respondent DeGregorio be, and hereby is, barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, compliance with the Commission's order and payment of any

or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement or civil penalties ordered by a Court against the Respondent in any action brought by the Commission; (b) any disgorgement amounts ordered against the Respondent for which the Commission waived payment; (c) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (d) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (e) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman  
Secretary