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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-21159

In the Matter of

CHRISTOPHER BYUNGIN LEE,

Respondent.

DIVISION'S STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO SEEK SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGAINST RESPONDENT

The Division of Enforcement ("Division") respectfully submits this Status Report pursuant to the Commission's August 5, 2025 Order Directing Status Report. *See In Re: Christopher Byungin Lee*, Securities Exchange Act Rel. No. 103632 (August 5, 2025) (the "Order"). The Order directs the Parties to file a status report by August 19, 2025, about any communications between Respondent Christopher Byungin Lee ("Lee" or "Respondent") and the Division, whether Lee has otherwise participated in the proceeding, and any proposed next steps in the proceeding.

First, as for communications between the Parties, since the Division's last status report, the undersigned has made numerous efforts to contact the Respondent and conduct a prehearing conference. Despite these efforts, the Respondent has not responded to numerous phone calls made to the Respondent's two known phone numbers. None of the undersigned's messages were returned. Additionally, the undersigned again emailed the Respondent requesting to meet and confer about the status of this matter and included a copy of the Order. Again, the Respondent failed to respond to these attempts.

Second, it appears that that the Respondent has not otherwise participated in this proceeding.

The undersigned has received no communications from him, and the only filing in this matter from

the Respondent is a two-sentence letter filed on March 12, 2025, stating that he wishes to negotiate

a settlement. That letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. That letter was prompted by the Respondent

being personally served with the Order Instituting Proceedings on February 21, 2005. See Division's

Status Report of March 4, 2025.

Given this record, the Division proposes moving forward with summary disposition against

the Respondent. The Division will seek to personally serve the motion for summary disposition on

Lee along with a cover letter indicating that the undersigned is available to discuss settlement, if the

Respondent wishes.

Lastly, the Division will continue to make efforts to reach the Respondent and file a notice

updating the Commission, if the Respondent responds.

Dated: August 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ James M. Carlson</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Rules 150 and 151 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing, was served on the following, on August 19, 2025, in the manner indicated below.

By U.S. Mail
Mr. Christopher Byungin Lee
Respondent

/s/ James M. Carlson
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