BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC

In the Matter of the Application of

Megurditch Patatian

For Review of Disciplinary Action Taken by

FINRA

File No. 3-21796

FINRA'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO DISMISS APPEAL

On November 7, 2023, Applicant Megurditch Patatian appealed to the Commission a National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") decision finding that he violated various FINRA rules and barring him from association with any FINRA member. On December 8, 2023, the Commission issued an order setting deadlines for briefing in the appeal. Pursuant to that order, Patatian filed an opening brief on January 8, 2024, and FINRA filed a brief in opposition on February 7, 2024.

On February 9, 2024, Patatian served on FINRA a document dated February 7, 2024, in which he requests the "dismissal of [his] appeal." *See* Exhibit A. While Applicant's filing does not contain a certificate of service, we presume he also filed this document with the Commission.

To the extent the Applicant's filing constitutes a motion to withdraw his appeal, pursuant to which his appeal will be dismissed by the Commission with prejudice and the NAC's decision will be deemed FINRA's final action, FINRA consents to the withdrawal of the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Celia L. Passaro, certify that on this 9th day of February 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing FINRA's Response to Applicant's Request to Dismiss Appeal, in the matter of the <u>Application for Review of Megurditch Patatian</u>, Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-21796, to be filed through the SEC's eFAP system.

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