

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
STATEMENT OF EFFORTS TO HOLD
A PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The Division of Enforcement (“Division”) respectfully submits this Status Report and Statement of Efforts to Hold a Prehearing Conference pursuant to the Commission’s April 16, 2025 Order Directing Prehearing Conference. *See In Re: Christopher Byungin Lee*, Securities Exchange Act Rel. No. 102869 (April 16, 2025) (the “Order”). The Order directed the parties to conduct a prehearing conference and file a statement by May 14, or if a prehearing conference was not held, the parties were directed to file a statement – jointly or separately – advising the Commission of that fact and the efforts to meet and confer by May 21. The Division now files this separate statement regarding the inability to hold a prehearing conference due to the unavailability of the Respondent.

In response to the Order, the undersigned made several attempts to reach the Respondent but has not been able to reach him to discuss the required topics in a prehearing conference or even this case in general. As the Commission is aware, the Respondent previously filed a one sentence statement with the Commission stating that he “would like to negotiate a settlement on a neither admit or deny basis,” which the Commission construed as an answer. (Order at 1.)

Since the Order issued, the undersigned has made the following attempts to contact the Respondent to discuss any settlement possibilities, this matter in general, and the topics required in a prehearing conference:

- (1) On April 29, 2025, the undersigned sent an email to the Respondent's last known email address, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- (2) On April 30, 2025, the undersigned sent a letter via certified mail to the last known address of the Respondent, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Tracking of the letter indicates that while notice was left, there was no authorized recipient at that address. (See Exhibit C, hereto).
- (3) The undersigned also attempted to reach the Respondent multiple times at two different phone numbers. These phone numbers were retrieved after performing a CLEAR search for the Respondent. The undersigned left a voice mail; it has not been returned.

Despite these efforts, the Respondent has failed to contact the undersigned or communicate with the Division in any manner. The Division will continue to make efforts to reach the Respondent and file a notice updating the Commission, if the Respondent responds.

Dated: May 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James M. Carlson

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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 May 21, 2025, in the manner indicated below.

By U.S. Mail

Mr. Christopher Byungin Lee

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Respondent

/s/ James M. Carlson

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