

FINAL ORDER – THIS PRELIMINARY SUMMARY DISPOSITION BECAME THE FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUGUST 9, 2025, AS TO CLAIMANT 1 AND JULY 28, 2025, AS TO CLAIMANT 2 PURSUANT TO RULE 21F-18(b) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Notice of Covered Action [REDACTED]

Reference No. 08092025

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY DISPOSITION
OF THE OFFICE OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER**

In response to the above-referenced Notice of Covered Action, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) received whistleblower award claims from [REDACTED] (“Claimant 1”) and [REDACTED] (“Claimant 2”) for the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 21F-18 promulgated thereunder, the Office of the Whistleblower has evaluated the above claim in accordance with the criteria set forth in Rules 21F-1 through 21F-18 and has designated Claimant 1’s and Claimant 2’s award applications for resolution through the summary disposition process.¹

The Office of the Whistleblower has preliminarily determined to recommend that the Commission deny the above award claims for the reasons stated below.

Claimant 1

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 the information Claimant 1 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.

In particular, Claimant 1’s information did not cause the opening of the investigation and did not cause the Commission to inquire into different conduct or significantly contribute to the success of the action. According to Commission staff, Claimant 1’s information was already known to staff, and staff did not communicate with Claimant 1 or use Claimant 1’s information during the investigation. None of Claimant 1’s information was used in, or had any impact on, the charges brought by the Commission in the Covered Action.

¹ See Exchange Act Rule 21F-18(a)(1)-(6).

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Claimant 2

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 the information Claimant 2 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 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.

In particular, Claimant 2's information did not cause the opening of the investigation and did not cause the Commission to inquire into different conduct or significantly contribute to the success of the action. According to Commission staff, Claimant 2's information was not relevant to the investigation, and staff did not communicate with Claimant 2 or use Claimant 2's information during the investigation. None of Claimant 2's information was used in, or had any impact on, the charges brought by the Commission in the Covered Action.

By: The Office of the Whistleblower

Date: June 25, 2025