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STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

TO: GlobalAid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club www.globalaid.club

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER (For violations of sections 25110 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation (Commissioner) finds that:

- 1. The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (Department) regulates the offer and sale of securities in California under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 (Cal. Corp. Code §§ 25000-25707) (CSL).
- 2. At all relevant times, GlobalAid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club a/k/a GlobalAid.Club (GlobalAid Club) is and was a business entity of unknown type with an unknown principal place of business. GlobalAid Club operated the website www.globalaid.club, as well as social media accounts on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/@GlobalaidclubOfficial) and Telegram (https://t.me/GlobalAidOfficial).
- 3. Beginning at least as early as October 2023, GlobalAid Club offered and sold securities in the form of investment contracts in California through general solicitations on its website. GlobalAid Club referred to these investment contracts as "Packages."
- 4. GlobalAid Club raised over \$2 million worth of crypto assets through the sale of its Packages.
- 5. GlobalAid Club held itself out as a "Community Building Project" that aimed to expand globally with "aggressive marketing strategies and innovative technologies." GlobalAid Club represented that investors who purchased Packages would earn investment returns but did not provide details about how GlobalAid Club generated its purported revenue.

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- 6. In reality, GlobalAid Club was a fraudulent pyramid and Ponzi scheme, in which a significant portion of the funds that GlobalAid Club received from investors was used to pay other investors.
- 7. GlobalAid Club offered its Packages for \$50 and represented that investors would be paid daily returns for a specific number of days. GlobalAid Club organized its investment return structure into 15 different tiers or "ranks," in which the amount and duration of returns that an investor earned were based on the number of subsequent investors recruited into GlobalAid Club. This ranged from the "Beginner" tier which promised \$1.50 daily for 40 days (\$60 total) to the "Avenger" tier which promised \$750 daily for 250 days (\$187,500), all on the purchase of a single \$50 Package. According to GlobalAid Club's marketing materials, investors could turn a \$50 deposit into \$300,000 without personally recruiting any other investors. GlobalAid promised to boost the earnings of investors that actively recruited other investors. GlobalAid claimed that its structure could support the payment of investment returns to at least 500 million investors. The Packages were publicly available to investors in California via GlobalAid Club's website: www.globalaid.club.
- 8. After investors created their accounts on the GlobalAid Club website, investors could log into their account using their username and password to monitor their purported balance and returns, deposit funds, and request withdrawals.
- 9. GlobalAid Club further enticed investors to purchase Packages by offering vacation discounts to investors that purchased a certain number of Packages.
- 10. As part of its solicitation efforts, GlobalAid Club used a pyramid scheme structure that would reward investors for inducing others to send money to GlobalAid Club.
- 11. Investors seeking to take advantage of GlobalAid Club's referral program created and posted videos to YouTube and posted content on other social media websites to recruit others to invest in GlobalAid Club.
- GlobalAid Club facilitated investor deposits and withdrawals using a series of smart 12. contracts that it created on the BNB Chain, including the following:
 - a. 0x02813f0b6474FAb0770e9c3cBB57D9C6F6F89C65
 - b. 0xf378B5Bcff1C7853c83e0d4eC2ea8fbb91A60e99

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- c. 0x6563B46fa87E8d744cd8fba30D7d15fA783bE67e
- d. 0x26F451031f6F84a044DD0e7f3d57E9B07ea888B5
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- 13. In or around October 2023, less than a month after it began operating, GlobalAid Club stopped paying investors their promised returns.
- 14. The Packages offered by GlobalAid Club were securities that were neither qualified nor exempt from the qualification requirement under the CSL. The Department has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing GlobalAid Club to sell these securities in California.
- 15. In connection with the offer or sale of these securities, GlobalAid Club made, or caused to be made, untrue statements of material fact and material omissions to investors and potential investors, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. failing to disclose that GlobalAid Club used investor funds to pay purported profits to other investors, in the manner of a Ponzi scheme;
 - b. falsely representing that investors would be paid daily returns for 40-250 days; and
 - c. falsely representing that GlobalAid Club's structure could support the payment of investment returns to at least 500 million investors.

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that the securities offered or sold by GlobalAid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club a/k/a GlobalAid.Club were subject to qualification under the CSL and have been or are being offered or sold without first being qualified in violation of Corporations Code section 25110.

Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Global Aid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club a/k/a GlobalAid.Club is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale of securities in California, including but not limited to investment contracts known as Packages, unless and until the qualification requirements of the CSL have been met.

In addition, the Commissioner is of the opinion that GlobalAid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club a/k/a GlobalAid.Club offered or sold securities in California by means of oral or written communications which included untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts

necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in violation of Corporations Code section 25401.

Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, GlobalAid Club a/k/a Global Aid Club a/k/a GlobalAid.Club is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering to buy any security in California, including but not limited to investment contracts known as Packages, by means of any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Any person who with knowledge directly or indirectly controls and induces another person to violate any provision of the CSL, or knowingly provides substantial assistance to another person to violate any provision of the CSL, is deemed to be in violation of that provision to the same extent as the other person. Cal. Corp. Code § 25403(a) and (b).

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors, and is consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Dated: October 14, 2024 San Diego, California CLOTHILDE V. HEWLETT Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation



By_______MARY ANN SMITH
Deputy Commissioner
Enforcement Division