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

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Voyager Digital Ltd. 595 Burrard Street, Suite 2900 Vancouver, B.C., V7X 1J5, Canada

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Voyager Digital, LLC c/o CSC – Lawyers Incorporating Service (C1592199), Registered Agent 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr Ste 150N Sacramento, CA 95833

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER(For violations of section 25110 of the Corporations Code)

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

- 1. Voyager Digital Ltd. is a Canadian entity incorporated in June 1993, with a registered office located in Vancouver, British Columbia and principal place of business in New York, New York. Voyager Digital Ltd. is the parent company of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.
- Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., is a Delaware entity incorporated in December 2018, with a registered agent located in Wilmington, Delaware. Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. is the Delaware holding company of Voyager Digital, LLC.
- 3. Voyager Digital, LLC, is a Delaware limited liability company formed in January 2008. Voyager Digital, LLC filed a foreign registration statement with the California Secretary of State on May 5, 2021. It maintains a registered corporate agent for service of process in Sacramento, California.
- 4. Voyager Digital Ltd., Voyager Digitals Holdings, Inc., and Voyager Digital, LLC (collectively "Voyager") operate as a "crypto asset brokerage" platform offering self-directed trade execution, market data, wallet, and custody services to both retail and institutional customers.

- 5. Voyager offers accounts that allow account holders access to custody, trading, data, and referral features along with a rewards program (the "**Accounts**").
- 6. Voyager offers its Accounts through a website accessible to the general public at http://www.investvoyager.com/ and also offers a smartphone application.
- 7. Account holder agreements authorize Voyager, without further notice to the holder, to maintain each customer's crypto assets in Voyager's name, or in another name, and to commingle Account holders' deposits to pledge, repledge, hypothecate, rehypothecate, sell, lend, invest, or otherwise transfer or use any amount of such crypto assets, with all attendant rights of ownership, and such use or investment by Voyager is at the Account holder's sole risk.
- 8. The Accounts' rewards program (the "**Rewards Program**") pays Account holders crypto assets for maintaining a monthly minimum balance of certain digital assets of the same type in their Accounts. In exchange, Account holders give Voyager the rights to use the deposited crypto assets for various business purposes.
- 9. Rewards Program customers receive passive income generated either by Voyager staking crypto assets on its customers' behalf or by lending the crypto assets to large institutional borrowers. Although these payments function similarly to banks or pooled investment vehicles, none of the Voyager entities are registered in this capacity with any relevant authority and none are protected by organizations such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporations or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.
- 10. While Voyager refers to payments made to Reward Program participants as "rewards," the payments constitute interest payments for assets placed in the Accounts.
- 11. On its website, Voyager provides customers with a list of crypto assets it currently transacts in, along with the interest rate and required minimum balance which customers must maintain in their account to receive monthly interest payments. Annual interest rates on eligible crypto assets for May 2022 range from one-half of one percent (0.5%) to 12 percent (12%).
- 12. Rewards Program participants do not engage in substantive Rewards Program-related activities beyond depositing their crypto assets with Voyager; they depend mostly or entirely on Voyager and its business efforts to receive these payments. Voyager funds the Rewards Program

through its business activities, including revenue from crypto asset trading services, revenue from lending to large borrowers, revenue from staking, and revenue from its affiliated crypto asset payments services. As a result, Rewards Program participants' ability to receive interest payments is dependent on the success of Voyager's business.

- 13. Since approximately November 2019 and to the present date, Voyager has continually been offering and opening Accounts to and for California residents, respectively.
- 14. Corporations Code section 25110 prohibits the offer or sale of unqualified, non-exempt securities in issuer transactions in the State of California. The Accounts offered and sold by Voyager are securities in the form of investment contracts subject to qualification under the CSL. These securities are being offered or sold in this state in issuer transactions. The Department has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any person to offer or sell these securities in this state. The offer or sale of these securities is not excepted or exempted from qualification.

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that the Accounts are securities, in the nature of investment contracts, as defined at Corporations Code section 25009. These securities are subject to qualification under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and are being or have been offered or sold without first being qualified in violation of Corporations Code section 25110.

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

Dated: June 3, 2022 Sacramento, California



CLOTHILDE V. HEWLITT
Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation