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

TO: MyPassiveGlobalInvestment.com 24 Spring Street Tyburnia, London, W2 3RF United Kingdom

## **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, MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com is and was a business entity of unknown type with a purported principal place of business at 24 Spring Street, Tyburnia, London, W2 3RF, United Kingdom. MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com operated the website www.mypassiveglobalinvesment.com.

3. Beginning at least as early as 2022, MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com offered and sold securities in the form of investment contracts in California through general solicitations on its website. MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com referred to these investment contracts as "Investment Plans."

4. MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com held itself out as an investment services company. The purported purpose of the securities offerings was for MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com to use investor funds to engage in trading cryptocurrency and foreign currency exchange ("forex"), which in 24 turn would generate returns for investors who purchased Investment Plans.

25 MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com's Investment Plans promised to pay a weekly rate of 5. 26 return to investors, ranging from 10% to 40%, depending on the amount of money that the investor 27 deposited on the MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com platform. The Investment Plans were publicly 28 available to investors and consumers in California via MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com's website:

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After investors created their accounts on the MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com website,
 investors could log into their account using their username and password to monitor their purported
 balance and returns, deposit funds, and request withdrawals.

7. MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com also had an affiliate program that operated in the manner of a pyramid scheme. The affiliate program promised to pay investors to recruit new investors. According to this affiliate program, investors would be paid a commission based on the amount of funds deposited by the investors that they recruited.

8. In fact, MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com was luring investors into what is known as a
High Yield Investment Program (HYIP). HYIPs are unregistered investments typically run by
unlicensed individuals – and are often frauds. The hallmark of an HYIP scam is the promise of high
returns on an annual (or even monthly, weekly, or daily) basis at little or no risk to the investor.
Another key element of most HYIPs is a referral program, in which the HYIP offers referral
commissions or bonuses to investors to recruit new investors. This usually leads to investors sharing
information about the HYIP with their friends and family and promoting HYIPs on social media.
HYIPs rarely disclose the identities of the individuals operating the HYIP.

9. The Investment Plans offered by MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com 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 MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com to sell these securities in California.

10. In connection with the offer or sale of these securities,

MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com made untrue statements of material fact and material omissions to potential investors, including but not limited to the following:

 failing to disclose that the offer or sale of its Investment Plans was not qualified in California;

 b. failing to disclose the identities of the individuals operating and/or managing MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com;

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c. stating that after depositing funds on MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com's platform, "there is nothing to do except watch your earnings grow," without disclosing any potential risk of losses:

d. falsely claiming to be registered as a United Kingdom, and using a fraudulent United Kingdom "company number"; and

e. falsely claiming that "[a]ll withdrawals are...paid within 24 hours."

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that the securities offered or sold by MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com 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, MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com 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 Investment Plans, unless and until the qualification requirements of the CSL have been met.

In addition, the Commissioner is of the opinion that MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com 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.

20 Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, MyPassiveGlobalInvesment.com is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering to buy any security in 22 California, including but not limited to investment contracts known as Investment Plans, by means of 23 any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to 24 state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances 25 under which they were made, not misleading.

26 Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25403, any person who controls or induces another person to violate a provision of the CSL, or any person who provides substantial assistance to another 28 person in violation of the CSL, shall be liable for the violations.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors, and is consistent

2 with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Dated: January 3, 2023 Sacramento, California

CLOTHILDE V. HEWLETT Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation



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MARY ANN SMITH Deputy Commissioner Enforcement Division