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IN THE MATTER OF PK CRYPTO INVESTMENT AKA PK-CRYPTO INVESTMENT; PEGGY KAY BRENDAN; AND JANET A. OSBORN

Order No. ENF-20-CDO-1791

TO: PK Crypto Investment aka PK-Crypto Investment

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EMERGENCY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

This is your OFFICIAL NOTICE of the issuance by the Securities Commissioner of the State of Texas (the "Securities Commissioner") of an EMERGENCY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER pursuant to Section 23-2 of The Securities Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. arts. 581-1 to 581-45 (West, Westlaw through 2019 R. Sess.) (the "Securities Act").

The Enforcement Division of the Texas State Securities Board (the <u>"Enforcement Division"</u>) has presented evidence sufficient for the Securities Commissioner to find that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. PK Crypto Investment aka PK-Crypto Investment ("Respondent PK Crypto") claims its main office is located at 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas

76712, and that its other offices are located at A400 Road, London, England; 513 8th Street Brandon, MB R7A 3X8, Canada; Mariahilfer Str., 751 1060, Vienna, Austria; 40 Wen Shui Road, Zhabei Qu, Shanghai Shi, China, 200085; and Senayan, Kby. Baru, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta, 12920, Indonesia.

- 2. Peggy Kay Brendan ("Respondent Brendan") claims to be a co-founder of Respondent PK Crypto. This emergency order will be sent to 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712; A400 Road, London, England; 513 8th Street Brandon, MB R7A 3X8, Canada; Mariahilfer Str., 751 1060, Vienna, Austria; 40 Wen Shui Road, Zhabei Qu, Shanghai Shi, China, 200085; and Senayan, Kby. Baru, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta, 12920, Indonesia.
- 3. Janet A. Osborn ("Respondent Osborn") is claims to be an Online Investments Advisor for Respondent PK Crypto. This emergency order will be sent to 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712; A400 Road, London, England; 513 8th Street Brandon, MB R7A 3X8, Canada; Mariahilfer Str., 751 1060, Vienna, Austria; 40 Wen Shui Road, Zhabei Qu, Shanghai Shi, China, 200085; and Senayan, Kby. Baru, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta, 12920, Indonesia.

THE BUSINESS OF RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO

- 4. Respondents PK Crypto, Brendan and Osborn (collectively the <u>"Respondents"</u>) are representing Respondent PK Crypto is a "legal company" and its records are maintained by Companies House, the United Kingdom's registrar of companies.
- 5. Respondents are also representing that Respondent PK Crypto maintains its main office at 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712.
- 6. Respondents are describing Respondent PK Crypto as "a private legal US registered asset-management [i]nvestment company" that manages assets worth \$50 million and investments worth \$150 million.
- 7. Respondents are representing that securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto trade on the OTCQX® under an active ticker symbol.
- 8. Respondents are also representing that Respondent PK Crypto is supported by "trusted service providers" that include a law firm that serves as legal counsel to Respondent PK Crypto and an accounting firm that audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements.

THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS

9. Respondent PK Crypto is advertising cryptocurrency investment plans through social media, including Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

10. The advertisements describe investments tied to cryptocurrencies and they direct potential investors to an internet website accessible by the public at https://www.pkcryptoinvests.com (the "PK Crypto Website").

THE INVESTMENT PLANS

- 11. The PK Crypto Website serves as a platform for purchasing investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans.
- 12. Respondents are describing the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans as follows:
 - A. Investors can deposit between \$2,500.00 and \$4,999.00 to invest in the Starter Plan and earn daily interest of 3.33 percent with a term of 30 days;
 - B. Investors can deposit between \$5,000.00 and \$9,999.00 to invest in the Expert Plan and earn daily interest of 4.67 percent with a term of 30 days;
 - C. Investors can deposit between \$10,000.00 and \$19,999.00 to invest in the Deluxe Plan and earn daily interest of 6.00 percent with a term of 14 days;
 - D. Investors can deposit between \$20,000.00 and \$29,999.00 to invest in the Gold Plan and earn daily interest of 10.33 percent with a term of 14 days;
 - E. Investors can deposit between \$30,000.00 and \$49,999.00 to invest in the Diamond Plan and earn daily interest of 11.67 percent with a term of seven days; and
 - F. Investors can deposit between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 to invest in the VIP Plan and earn daily interest of 14.28 percent with a term of seven days.
- 13. Respondents are representing investors must use Bitcoin to purchase investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans. Respondents are also representing Respondent PK Crypto will pay all returns in Bitcoin.
- 14. Respondents are further representing investments in the Stater, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP plans are guaranteed investments.

THE FALSE CLAIM THAT COMPANIES HOUSE MAINTAINS CORPORATE RECORDS

15. As described herein, Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is a "legal company" and its records are maintained by Companies House, the United Kingdom's registrar of companies.

16. Although Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is a "legal company" and that its records are maintained by Companies House, Companies House does not maintain any records reflecting the organization of Respondent PK Crypto or any filing submitted by Respondent PK Crypto.

THE FALSE CLAIM THAT RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO IS A TEXAS BUSINESS

- 17. As described herein, Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto maintains its main office at 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712.
- 18. Although Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto maintains its main office in Texas, Respondent PK Crypto has not filed with the Texas Secretary of State and is not authorized by the Texas Secretary of State to transact business in Texas as a foreign or domestic entity.
- 19. Although Respondents are representing the address for Respondent PK Crypto's main office is 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712, Respondent PK Crypto does not maintain an office at this address and this address does not exist in Waco, Texas.

THE FALSE CLAIM THAT RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO IS A REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY

- 20. As described herein, Respondents are identifying Respondent PK Crypto as "a private legal US registered asset-management [i]nvestment company" that manages assets worth \$50 million and investments worth \$150 million.
- 21. Although Respondents are identifying Respondent PK Crypto as a "private legal US registered asset-management investment company" and describing its assets under management, Respondent PK Crypto is not registered as an investment adviser with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or registered or notice-filed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative with the Securities Board.

THE FALSE CLAIM THAT SECURITIES ISSUED BY RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO ARE TRADED ON AN EXCHANGE

- 22. As described herein, Respondents are representing that securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto are traded on the OTCQX® under an active ticker symbol. Respondents are providing potential investors with a specific active ticker symbol.
- 23. This ticker symbol does not, however, relate to securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto. Instead, the ticker symbol relates to securities issued by a third party that has no affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto.

THE FALSE CLAIM THAT A LAW FIRM AND ACCOUNTING FIRM ARE AFFILIATED WITH RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO

- 24. As described herein, Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is supported by "trusted service providers" that include a law firm that serves as legal counsel to Respondent PK Crypto and an accounting firm that audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements.
- 25. Respondents are providing potential investors with the name of the law firm that purportedly serves as legal counsel to Respondent PK Crypto. The State Bar of Texas, however, does not contain any records that reflect attorneys working at this law firm are licensed to practice law in Texas.
- 26. Respondents are providing potential investors with the name of the accounting firm that purportedly audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements. This accounting firm does not, however, have any affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto and has not audited its annual financial statements.

REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

- 27. Respondents have not been registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers, agents, investment advisers or investment adviser representatives at any time material hereto, and Respondents have not been notice-filed with the Securities Commissioner as investment advisers or investment adviser representatives at any time material hereto.
- 28. The investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans have not been registered by qualification, notification, or coordination, and no permit has been granted for their sale in Texas.

FRAUD AND DECEPTION AND THE BUSINESS OF RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO

- 29. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondents are intentionally failing to disclose the physical location and true address of the main office of Respondent PK Crypto, and this inform ation constitutes a material fact.
- 30. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is intentionally failing to disclose the strategy for generating profits for purchasers of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, and this information constitutes a material fact.

- 31. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing that investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans pay lucrative returns, but they are not disclosing the strategy for generating these returns.
- 32. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is intentionally failing to disclose its assets, liabilities or other financial information that demonstrates its ability to guarantee the payment of fixed returns to investors at the end of the maturity terms, and this information constitutes a material fact.
- 33. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing that investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans are guaranteed, but they are not disclosing Respondent PK Crypto's assets, liabilities or other financial information that demonstrates its ability to guarantee the payment of fixed returns to investors at the end of the maturity term.

FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS THAT RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO IS ORGANIZED THROUGH COMPANIES HOUSE

- 34. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is representing that Respondent PK Crypto is a "legal company" and that potential investors can verify its legality by reviewing records maintained by Companies House, the United Kingdom's registrar of companies. These statements constitute misrepresentations of a relevant fact because Companies House does not maintain any records reflecting any filings submitted by Respondent PK Crypto.
- 35. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is a "legal company" and that potential investors can verify its legality by reviewing records maintains by Companies House. This statement is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because Companies House does not maintain any records reflecting any filings submitted by Respondent PK Crypto.

FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS THAT RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO IS OPERATING AS A TEXAS BUSINESS

- 36. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is representing that it maintains its main office at 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712. This statement constitutes a misrepresentation of a relevant fact and is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because:
 - A. The statement constitutes a misrepresentation of a relevant fact because Respondent PK Crypto does not maintain an office at this address and this address does not exist in Waco, Texas; and

- B. The statement is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because Respondent PK Crypto has not filed with the Texas Secretary of State and is not authorized by the Texas Secretary of State to transact business in Texas as a foreign or domestic entity.
- 37. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing Respondent PK Crypto maintains its main office at 871 Texas Central Parkway, Waco, Texas 76712. This statement is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because:
 - A. Respondent PK Crypto has not filed with the Texas Secretary of State and is not authorized by the Texas Secretary of State to transact business in Texas as a foreign or domestic entity; and
 - B. Respondent PK Crypto does not maintain an office at this address and this address does not exist in Waco, Texas.

FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS THAT RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO IS A REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY

- 38. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is representing that it is "a private legal US registered asset-management [i]nvestment company" that manages assets worth \$50 million and investments worth \$150 million. These statements are misrepresentations of a relevant fact because Respondent PK Crypto is not registered as an investment adviser with the SEC or registered or notice-filed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative with the Securities Board.
- 39. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are identifying Respondent PK Crypto as "a private legal US registered asset-management [i]nvestment company" that manages assets worth \$50 million and investments worth \$150 million. This statement is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because Respondent PK Crypto is not registered as an investment adviser with the SEC or registered or notice-filed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative with the Securities Board.

FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS THAT SECURITIES ISSUED BY RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO ARE TRADED ON AN EXCHANGE

40. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is representing that securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto are traded on the OTCQX® under an active ticker symbol, and Respondents are providing potential investors with the specific ticker symbol. These statements are misrepresentations of a relevant fact because this ticker symbol does not relate to securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto

- and the ticker symbol relates to securities issued by a third party that has no affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto.
- 41. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing that securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto are traded on the OTCQX® under an active ticker symbol, and Respondents are providing potential investors with the specific ticker symbol. These statements are materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because this ticker symbol does not relate to securities issued by Respondent PK Crypto and the ticker symbol relates to securities issued by a third party that has no affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto.

FRAUDULENT AND DECEPTIVE REPRESENTATIONS THAT A LAW FIRM AND AN ACCOUNTING FIRM ARE AFFILIATED WITH RESPONDENT PK CRYPTO

- 42. As described herein, Respondents are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is supported by "trusted service providers" that include a law firm that serves as legal counsel to Respondent PK Crypto. As also described herein, Respondents are providing potential investors with the name of the law firm that purportedly serves as legal counsel to Respondent PK Crypto. These statements are materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because the State Bar of Texas does not contain any records that reflect attorneys working at this law firm are licensed to practice law in Texas.
- 43. In connection with the offer of investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans, Respondent PK Crypto is representing that Respondent PK Crypto is supported by "trusted service providers" that include an accounting firm that audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements. Respondents are also providing potential investors with the name of the accounting firm that purportedly audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements. These statements constitute misrepresentations of relevant facts because this accounting firm does not have any affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto and has not audited its annual financial statements.
- 44. Respondents Brendan and Osborn are representing that Respondent PK Crypto is supported by "trusted service providers" that include an accounting firm that audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements. Respondents are also providing potential investors with the name of the accounting firm that purportedly audits Respondent PK Crypto's annual financial statements. These statements are materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because this accounting firm does not have any affiliation with Respondent PK Crypto and has not audited its annual financial statements.

DECEPTION AND THE CONCEALMENT OF THE RISKS

45. Respondents are telling potential investors the investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans are guaranteed investments tied to

cryptocurrencies, and these statements are materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public because they are not disclosing the risks associated with cryptocurrencies and investments tied to cryptocurrencies, including the following risks:

- A. Governments may adopt legislation or regulations that may negatively impact the use, transfer, exchange, or price of cryptocurrencies;
- B. Cryptocurrencies are volatile, and the price of a cryptocurrency as it relates to fiat currency may decrease over a short period of time, resulting in significant loss to owners of cryptocurrencies;
- C. A system or technical failure, or deficient source code, may negatively impact the ability to exchange cryptocurrencies for fiat currencies, as well as the price of cryptocurrencies;
- D. A hacking incident or malicious attack may negatively impact the price of cryptocurrencies; and
- E. Cryptocurrencies compete with all other cryptocurrencies, and this competition may negatively impact the price of a specific cryptocurrency.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The investments in the Starter, Expert, Deluxe, Gold, Diamond and VIP Plans are securities as the term is defined by Section 4.A of the Securities Act.
- Respondents are violating Section 7 of the Securities Act by offering securities for sale in Texas at a time when the securities are not registered with the Securities Commissioner.
- 3. Respondents are violating Section 12 of the Securities Act by offering securities for sale in Texas without being registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the Securities Act.
- 4. Respondents are engaging in fraud in connection with the offer for sale of securities.
- 5. Respondents have made an offer containing statements that are materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public.
- 6. Respondents' conduct, acts, and practices threaten immediate and irreparable public harm.

7. The foregoing Conclusions of Law constitute bases for the issuance of an Emergency Cease and Desist Order pursuant to Section 23-2 of the Securities Act.

ORDER

- It is therefore ORDERED Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from offering for sale any security in Texas until the security is registered with the Securities Commissioner or is offered for sale pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act.
- It is further ORDERED Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from acting as securities dealers or agents in Texas until Respondents are registered with the Securities Commissioner or are acting pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act.
- 3. It is further ORDERED Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from engaging in any fraud in connection with the offer for sale of any security in Texas.
- 4. It is further ORDERED Respondents immediately CEASE AND DESIST from offering securities in Texas through an offer containing a statement that is materially misleading or otherwise likely to deceive the public.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 23-2 of the Securities Act, you may request a hearing before the 31st day after the date you were served with this Order. The request for a hearing must be in writing, directed to the Securities Commissioner, and state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order. Failure to request a hearing will result in the Order becoming final and non-appealable.

You are advised under Section 29.D of the Securities Act that any knowing violation of an order issued by the Securities Commissioner under the authority of Section 23-2 of the Securities Act is a criminal offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment in the penitentiary for two to ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SIGNED AND I	ENTERED by the Se	ecurities Commissioner this 19^{7}	day of
October	2019.		
		TRAVIS J. KES Securities Commissioner	