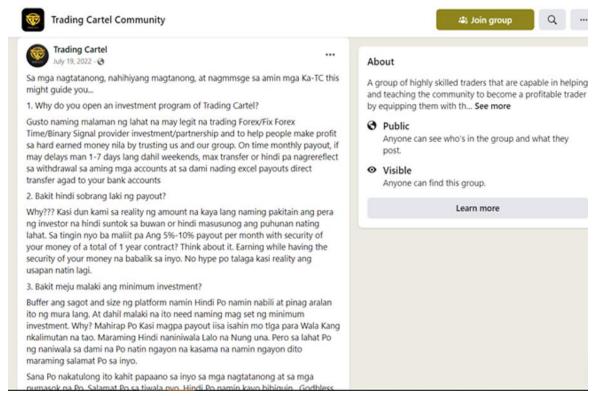


## ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## SEC ADVISORY

This Advisory is prompted by reports and inquiries received by the Commission from the public on the alleged illegal investment-taking activities of **TRADING CARTEL**. A verification of said reports showed that persons have been engaging in the investment scheme being offered by certain individuals affiliated with where they promise a return of as much as 5%-10% monthly interest.





For the information of the public, **TRADING CARTEL** is not registered with the Commission as a corporation or partnership nor is it authorized to solicit investments from the public since it has not secured prior registration and/or license from the Commission as prescribed under Sections 8 and 28 of the Securities Regulation Code.



The investment scheme reported to the Commission allegedly propagated by persons claiming to be connected with the foregoing entity involves the offering and selling of securities in the form of Investment Contracts to the public because the investors need not exert any effort other than to invest monies in order to receive income.

Since this scheme involves the sale of securities to the public, the **Securities Regulation Code (SRC)** requires that these securities are duly registered with the Commission and that the concerned corporation and/or its agents have appropriate registration and/or license to sell such securities to the public pursuant to Section 8 of the SRC. However, as mentioned, said entity has not secured prior registration and/or license to solicit investments from the Commission as prescribed under Section 8 of the Securities Regulation Code.

In view thereof, the public is advised **NOT TO INVEST** or **STOP INVESTING** in any investment scheme being offered by individuals claiming to be connected with the foregoing entity.

Should you have any information regarding any investment solicitation by any individuals or group of individuals claiming to represent the foregoing entities, you may send your report to the EIPD at <a href="mailto:epd@sec.gov.ph">epd@sec.gov.ph</a>

For the guidance of the public.

Makati City, 10 January 2023.