

## ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## **SEC ADVISORY**

## This is to inform the public that <u>BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY</u> <u>WALLET</u> is NOT AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT INVESTMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

This ADVISORY is prompted by reports and information gathered by the Commission that individuals or group of persons under **BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** are enticing the public, through social media platform to invest in said entity.

BitPocket	Benefits of Using the BitPocket Community Wallet Platform
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able USD Funds	You can withdraw any time using your digital wallet.
20 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$	You are backed by a destabilized finance community.
assword	You don't need to worry much about volatility because the platform uses the stablecoin known as BUSD.
I Agree with the subscription policy.	You and the BPCW community can help each other grow!
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As posted online, you can invest by contacting them first at <u>www.bpcw.vip</u> and then avail of their investment plans. **BITPOCKET/BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** is offering investments to the public with a minimal amount of **\$20.00 or Php 1,100.00 up to \$10,000.00 or Php 550,400.00**. Investors may earn guaranteed **passive income with a daily rate of return of 1% up to 300% in 300 days**. The investor can also earn from **1% to 10 % as Referral Incentives**.



In this regard, the public is made aware that an "*investment contract,*" which is a kind of security, exists when there is an investment or placement of money in a common enterprise with a reasonable expectation of profits to be derived from the efforts of others which is prominent in the scheme of **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET.** 

As such, the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) requires that said offer and/or sale of securities must be duly registered with the Commission and that the concerned entity and/or its agents should have the appropriate registration and/or license to sell such securities to the public. Based on the Commission's database, **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** is **NOT REGISTERED** as a corporation or partnership and <u>OPERATES</u> <u>WITHOUT THE NECESSARY LICENSE AND/OR AUTHORITY</u> to solicit, accept or take investments/placements from the public nor to issue investment contracts and other forms of securities defined under Section 3 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

Further, the scheme employed by **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** has the characteristics of a **"Ponzi Scheme"** where money from new investors are used in paying "fake profits" to prior investors and is designed mainly to favor its top recruiters and prior risk takers and is detrimental to subsequent members in case of scarcity of new investors.

The offering and selling of securities in the form of investment contracts using the **"Ponzi Scheme"** which is fraudulent and unsustainable, is **NOT** a registrable security. The Commission will not issue a License to Sell Securities to the Public to persons or entities that are engaged in this business or scheme.

In view thereof, the public is hereby advised **NOT TO INVEST** or to **STOP INVESTING** in the investment scheme being offered by **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** as well as with any other entities having the same or similar schemes and to exercise caution in dealing with any individuals or group of persons soliciting investments or recruiting investors for and on behalf of **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET**.

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers, agents, representatives, operators, promoters, recruiters, uplines, influencers, endorsers, abetters and enablers of **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by the said entity including soliciting investments or recruiting investors through the internet may be held criminally liable under Section 28 of the SRC and penalized with a **maximum fine of Five Million Pesos** (Php5,000,000.00) or imprisonment of Twenty One (21) years or both pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (*SEC vs. Oudine Santos, G.R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014*).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

Should you have any information regarding any investment solicitation by any individuals or group of individuals on behalf of **BITPOCKET/ BITPOCKET COMMUNITY WALLET** please send your report through email at <u>epd@sec.gov.ph</u>.

For the information and guidance of the public.

Makati City, 28 February 2023.