

## **ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**

## **SEC ADVISORY**

This is to inform the public that <u>CENTUROS FINANCE GROUP II</u> is NOT AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT INVESTMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

This Advisory is prompted by the information gathered by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") that individuals or group of persons representing the above-named entity headed by its CEO, **OLIVER PASCUA** are soliciting investments from the public purportedly to be invested in cryptocurrency trading.

Based on the Commission's database, the said entity is not registered with the Commission as a corporation, OPC or a partnership. The entity likewise has not been issued by the Commission any license or permit to sell or offer securities to the public or to conduct any activities regulated by the Commission.

CENTUROS entices the public to invest online or through the internet in three (3) programs, the Alpha, Bravo and Charlie.

			GUARANTEED PROFIT	
PROGRAMS	INVESTMENT	PERIOD	RATE	AMOUNT
	(PHP)			(Php)
ALPHA	1,000 to10,000	6 days	80%	1,800 to 18,000
BRAVO	2,000 to 20,000	8 days	120%	4,400 to 44,000
CHARLIE	5,000 to 50,000	10 days	160%	13,000 to 130,000



The said entity likewise offers a Referral Bonus equivalent to 5% of the investment received by the entity from the referals made by its members. Based on the entity's representation, the purported source of the guaranteed income offered by the entity to the public comes from its cryptocurrency trading activities allegedly using Binance as its platform.

The investment offering by CENTUROS contitutes selling or offering for sale of unregistered securities in the form of investment contract as the investors are enticed to earn guaranteed profit ranging from 80% to 160% by simply investing their money to CENTUROS in violation of Sections 8, 26 and 28 of the Securities Regulation Code.

By the mere fact of **CENTUROS**' absence of primary registration with this Commission either as a corporation, one-person corporation or as a partnership, it follows that it cannot be issued secondary license to solicit, offer, and sell investment to the public as required under Section 8 of the SRC. Hence, the offering of the subject entity of unregistered securities to the public constitutes violations of Sections 8, 26 and 28 of the SRC. The same likewise constitutes a violation of Section 11 of the Republic Act No. 11765 also known as the Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act as the offering and selling of unregistered securities is defined as investment fraud under Section 3(f) of the same act.

Accordingly, the Commission warns all unscrupulous individuals and/or entities that strict penalties are imposed for violations of the Securities Regulation Code, the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines and such other laws, rules and regulations enforced by the Commission.

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers or agents of **CENTUROS FINANCE GROUP II** *vis-à-vis* **OLIVER PASCUA** in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by said entity including solicitations and recruitment through the internet **may be prosecuted and held criminally liable** under Section 28 of the SRC and Section 11 of the FCPA and **separately penalized** with a maximum fine of Five Million pesos (Php5,000,000.00) or penalty of Twenty-one (21) years of imprisonment or both pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (*G.R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014*).

In view thereof, the public is advised **NOT TO INVEST or STOP INVESTING** in any investment scheme being offered by **CENTUROS FINANCE GROUP II** *vis-à-vis* **OLIVER PASCUA** as well as in 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 **CENTUROS FINANCE GROUP II** *vis-à-vis* **OLIVER PASCUA**.

Should you have any information regarding any investment solicitation by any individuals or group of individuals on behalf of **CENTUROS FINANCE GROUP II** *vis-à-vis* **OLIVER PASCUA**, please send your report to the ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT at <a href="mailto:epd@sec.gov.ph">epd@sec.gov.ph</a>.

For the guidance of the public.

Makati City, 19 September 2023.