



SEC ADVISORY

This is to inform the public that $\underline{PEGASUS\ TRADING}$ is NOT AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT INVESTMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Based on reports and information gathered by the Commission, certain individuals claiming to represent "PEGASUS TRADING" are offering investment opportunities to residents of Zamboanga City ranging from Php 1,000.00 to Php 1,000,000.00 and promising a return of 35% of their investment in a short span of 15 days.



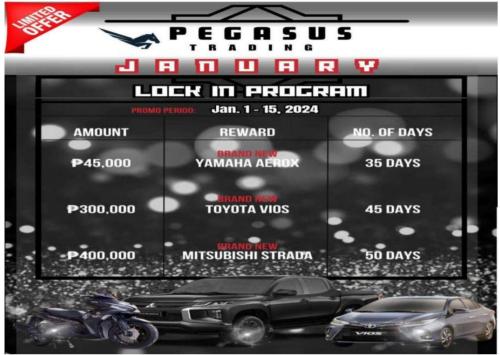
The Zamboanga Extension Office investigation team immediately conducted an investigation on **PEGASUS TRADING** and found out that the entity is also offering a free sack of rice for every Php 30,000 and Php 50,000 investment and a "Lock-In Program" promising various motor vehicles as "rewards" for their investors.











The entity also issued vouchers to investors as proof of their investment.



Upon initial ocular inspection by the investigation team, it was discovered that **PEGASUS TRADING** had an office located in Tumaga, Zamboanga City. It was a small space with merely a tarpaulin in front bearing the name "PEGASUS TRADING" with some sacks of rice out front. The entity then transferred to a new office located beside Hermosa Hotel, Mayor Jaldon Street, Zamboanga City. There was also information that they were also conducting transactions inside shopping malls in the city.



For the information of the public, an "investment contract" exists when there is an investment of 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 **PEGASUS TRADING.**

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.

The Commission's database shows that **PEGASUS TRADING** is **NOT REGISTERED** as a corporation or partnership and **OPERATES WITHOUT THE NECESSARY LICENSE AND/OR AUTHORITY** 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).

The scheme employed by **PEGASUS TRADING** shows indication of a possible "*Ponzi Scheme*" where returns to early investors are likely to be paid out from the investments of new investors with promise of ridiculous rates of return with little or no risk.

The offering and selling of securities in the form of investment contracts using the "Ponzi Scheme" is fraudulent and such investment contracts are NOT registrable securities.

The public is advised **NOT TO INVEST** or **STOP INVESTING** in any investment scheme being offered by **PEGASUS TRADING** as well as to any other entities having the same or similar schemes.

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers or agents of **PEGASUS TRADING**, 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).

Should you have any information regarding the operation of **PEGASUS TRADING** and its representatives, please send your report through email at epd@sec.gov.ph and reports_zeo@sec.gov.ph.

For the information and guidance of the public.

Zamboanga City, 30 January 2024.