

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# In the Matter of Section 51(1), 155(A)(c) and 159(10) of the Securities Act, Chapter 83:02 of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

And

## In the Matter of an Application by Nigel Clewett, a Registered Investment Adviser, for Exemption from Registering as a Broker-Dealer

### **ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

**WHEREAS** Nigel Clewett is registered as an Investment Adviser as required under Section 51(1)(b) of the Securities Act Chapter, 83:02 of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (the "Act") with the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission");

**AND WHEREAS** Nigel Clewett has been conducting activities consistent with effecting transactions in securities which are within the scope of activities that ought to be conducted by Broker-Dealers namely:

- a. instructing a local or foreign broker-dealer to effect transactions on behalf of the investment adviser's clients based on the investment decisions made by the clients after they had considered the investment advice received from the investment adviser;
- b. having non-discretionary control of clients' portfolios and compensated via investment advisory or wealth/portfolio management fees; and
- c. Receiving compensation by way of investment advisory or portfolio management fees;

and is not registered as a Broker Dealer as required under Section 51(1)(a) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners approved the issuance of a Circular Letter, dated December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, providing guidance on investment advisory activities;

**AND WHEREAS** by letter dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, Nigel Clewett submitted an application for exemption from registration as a Broker-Dealer to the Commission;

**AND UPON** the Board of Commissioners considering the application by Mr. Clewett for exemption from the requirement to register as a Broker-Dealer, together with the submissions made

by the Staff of the Commission at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March,2020;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 159(10)(a) of the Securities Act provides the Commission with the power to issue Orders that are essentially procedural without the need for a hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** by Order dated  $23^{rd}$  day of April 2020, Mr. Clewett was granted an exemption from the requirement to be registered as a Broker-Dealer under Section 51(1)(a) of the Securities Act which first commenced on the  $3^{rd}$  day of December, 2019 to May  $3^{rd}$ , 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners considered representations by Staff to have the period of exemption granted by the Order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 extended by one year.

**AND UPON** the Board of Commissioners considering that the making of the Order would not be contrary to the public interest pursuant to Section 155(1A)(c);

**AND UPON** the Board of Commissioners determining that the making of the Order is essentially procedural in accordance with Section 159(10)(a) of the Securities Act and does not require a hearing pursuant to Section 159(1) of the Act.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- I. The exemption granted to Nigel Clewett from the requirement to be registered as a Broker-Dealer under Section 51(1)(a) of the Securities Act continues to be effective **for the period indicated herein**;
- II. The exemption Order of the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020 shall continue to have effect from May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 for a further period of twelve (12) months to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 or until the appropriate amendments are made to the Securities Act (and related legislation) take effect, whichever is sooner; and
- III. This Order shall be published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette and posted on the Commission's website. Notification of the posting shall be published in two daily newspapers in general circulation in Trinidad and Tobago

#### BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION