



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Deceptive Email and Misuse of TTSEC's Name

Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission ("TTSEC") wishes to bring to the attention of the general public an email currently in circulation purporting to emanate from an official of the TTSEC.

The email notifies the recipient that taxes/payments are due to TTSEC in respect of investments held by the recipient. TTSEC has concluded that the contents of the email and the associated email address are deceptive and exhibit features of a phishing scam with the intent to fraudulently solicit funds from unsuspecting individuals.

Members of the public are therefore advised that TTSEC has **NOT** authorised the distribution of the misleading email and will **NOT** instruct persons to pay any taxes/payments due on investments, whether crypto-related or otherwise. The TTSEC does not collect taxes.

If you are already in receipt of such email and/or have sent any personal information or funds to the sender of any such email, you are strongly advised to:

- Ignore any instructions in the email;
- Immediately discontinue further communication with the sender;
- Report the email to TTSEC by forwarding the message as an attachment to [marketcomplaints@ttsec.org.tt](mailto:marketcomplaints@ttsec.org.tt) or submit a report/tip via the TTSEC Investor Protection mobile application; and
- Make a report to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

For the purposes of clarification, TTSEC is a regulatory body with prime responsibility for the administering and enforcing of the Securities Act. The Securities Act is an Act, inter alia, to provide protection to investors from unfair, improper or fraudulent practices.

Members of the public are advised to always conduct due diligence on any unsolicited communications implying an affiliation with the TTSEC or any entity.

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022**

**Chief Legal Counsel  
Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission**