

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
 ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
WAP.PBPB.VIP, ) NO. CD-2022-0005  
TAO TAO, whose identity )  
 is otherwise unknown, and )  
650 Other Trading Websites Purported to be )  
 Established by TAO TAO )  
 Identified in Attachment A to this Order )  
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 **RESPONDENTS** )

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**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

The Alabama Securities Commission ("Commission"), having the authority to administer and provide for the enforcement of all provisions of Title 8, Chapter 6, Code of Alabama 1975, the Alabama Securities Act ("Act"), upon due consideration of the subject matter hereof, has determined as follows:

**RESPONDENTS**

1. **WAP.PBPB.VIP ("WAP.PBPB.VIP")** is an online entity that purports to be an online crypto currency trading platform, having an unknown business address. **WAP.PBPB.VIP** is accessible via the website [wap.ppbvip](http://wap.ppbvip) and may be served through its domain registrar **NAMECHEAP INC** located at 4600 East Washington Street, Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85034 via [legal@namecheap.com](mailto:legal@namecheap.com).

2. **TAO TAO**, whose identity is otherwise unknown, is the owner of **WAP.PBPB.VIP** and the 650 other trading websites identified in Attachment A to this order. All 651 identified websites purport to be online crypto currency trading platforms and may be served through their domain registrar **NAMECHEAP INC** located at 4600 East Washington Street, Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85034 via [legal@namecheap.com](mailto:legal@namecheap.com).

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

3. On December 22, 2021, an Alabama resident filed a written complaint with the Commission regarding an investment made with a crypto currency trading platform named **WAP.PBPB.VIP**. The Alabama resident discovered the **WAP.PBPB.VIP** website by being referred to it by an alleged female acquaintance they met through a social media messaging application. The Alabama resident was led to believe by their acquaintance that **WAP.PBPB.VIP** conducted cryptocurrency over-the-counter trading for the short term by trading trends and nodes<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, as a result of conducting the trading for the Alabama resident, the acquaintance and representatives from **WAP.PBPB.VIP** would earn five percent of the profits.

4. The Alabama resident created an account and began investing the stablecoin Tether (USDT). The Alabama resident invested 975 USDT on December 2, 2021 and received a return of 100 USDT on December 4, 2021. This convinced the Alabama resident the investment platform was profitable. As a result, the Alabama resident invested 4,175 USDT on December 5, 2021 and 29,988.01 USDT on December 17, 2021. The Alabama resident's account increased in value to approximately 68,841 USDT according to **WAP.PBPB.VIP**. On December 19, 2021 the Alabama resident attempted to withdraw their funds, but **WAP.PBPB.VIP** stated they must pay a personal income tax of 8,450.75 USDT to withdraw their funds. In addition, the funds could not come from the investor's gains. The Alabama resident was not made aware of this restriction prior to making their initial investment.

5. The Alabama resident communicated the issue of withdrawing their funds with their acquaintance, and the acquaintance stated they would pay 3,000 USDT of the 8,450.74 USDT to assist them in obtaining the funds. The Alabama resident deposited 5,450.75 USDT on December 19, 2021, to have their investment funds released. After the deposit, the funds were still not released, and the Alabama resident was unable to obtain control of their funds.

6. Records obtained during the investigation revealed the owner of the website was Namecheap Inc Username “taotao555666” with Namecheap Inc subscriber name of **TAO TAO**. It further revealed “taotao555666” had created 1,587 websites through Namecheap Inc. Of the

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<sup>1</sup> Cryptocurrency nodes are participants in a blockchain network.

1,587 websites, 651 of them functioned and 650 of them operate in the same manner as **WAP.PBPK.VIP**. The 650 websites offer services for investment trading. The websites have similar names such as the changing of only a few characters, the same manner of headers, navigation bars, main menus, mega menus, feature images, hero images, and footers.

7. See Exhibit A for the remaining 650 websites that operate in the same manner as **WAP.PBPK.VIP**.

8. IP addresses analyzed that were used by “taotao555666” when logging in, conducting transactions, placing orders, and creating domains on Namecheap Inc. predominantly originated from Asia.

9. On March 16, 2022, a review of the registration files of the Alabama Securities Commission revealed no registration for the **RESPONDENTS** in any capacity.

10. A review of the 651 websites that did function that were created by **TAO TAO** were checked in the National Futures Association (NFA) Basic database and none of the websites were registered.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

11. Pursuant to Section 8-6-2(10), Code of Alabama, 1975, the definition of a security includes investment contracts and profit-sharing agreements. The investment plans outlined by **RESPONDENTS** require the investment of money in the investment program managed by **RESPONDENTS** from which the Alabama investor expected profits to be derived from the efforts of **RESPONDENTS** and are securities as defined by the Act.

12. Pursuant to Section 8-6-2(18), Code of Alabama, 1975, an Investment Adviser is any person who, for compensation, advises others, either directly or indirectly, as to the value of, or the advisability of investing in securities. The definition includes those who manage portfolios or

the accounts of other investors. **RESPONDENTS** represented that they managed and traded the account of the Alabama investor and are Investment Advisers as defined in the Act.

13. Pursuant to Section 8-6-3(b), Code of Alabama, 1975, it is unlawful for any person to transact business in this state as an Investment Adviser unless he or she is registered under the Act. **RESPONDENTS** are not registered as such with the Commission in violation of the Act.

14. Pursuant to Section 8-6-17(b)(2), Code of Alabama, 1975, it is unlawful for any person who receives, directly or indirectly, any consideration from another person for advising the other person as to the value of securities or their purchase or sale, whether through the issuance of analyses or reports or otherwise to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud the other person. **RESPONDENTS** promised excessive returns to investors, reported fictitious account values, and imposed undisclosed fees in violation of the Act.

This Order is appropriate in the public interest for the protection of investors and is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

This Order does not prevent the Commission from seeking such other civil or criminal remedies that may be available to it under the Alabama Securities Act.

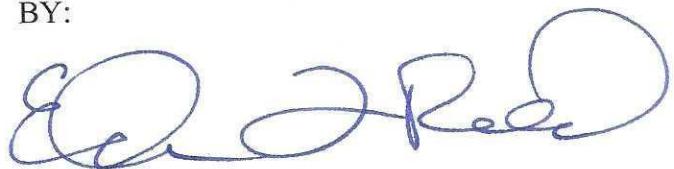
Additionally, if the allegations set forth herein are found to be true, though either administrative adjudication, failure of the **RESPONDENTS** to make a timely request for hearing, or default of the **RESPONDENTS**, it is the intention of the Commission to impose sanctions upon the **RESPONDENTS**. Such sanctions may include, *inter alia*, an administrative assessment imposed on **RESPONDENTS**, an additional administrative assessment for investigative costs arising from the investigation of the violations described herein against **RESPONDENTS**, and a permanent order to bar **RESPONDENTS** from participation in any securities-related industry in the State of Alabama.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that RESPONDENTS CEASE AND DESIST from further offers or sales of any security into, within or from the State of Alabama. Additionally, RESPONDENTS are ORDERED to CEASE providing investment advice.**

Entered at Montgomery, Alabama, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of MARCH, 2022.

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## Exhibit A (page 1)

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