

**STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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ROBOTRADERS, AKA) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
ROBOTRADERSINC.COM) **NO. CD-2025-0024**
)
RESPONDENT)

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:

RESPONDENT

1. **ROBOTRADERS a/k/a ROBOTRADERSINC.COM (“ROBOTRADERS”)** is an online entity that purports to be a cryptocurrency trading platform. **ROBOTRADERS** was accessible via the website **ROBOTRADERSINC.COM** and may be served through its domain registrar NameCheap located at 4600 East Washington Street, Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85034 and/or via electronic mail at Legal@namecheap.com.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

2. On August 9, 2024, the Commission opened a case after receiving a complaint regarding a 73-year-old Alabama resident who had invested with an online cryptocurrency trading platform named **ROBOTRADERS**. The victim responded to a Facebook page they believed belonged to an acquaintance but was actually controlled by a suspect who had hacked into the account. The suspect, posing as the victim’s acquaintance, posted on Facebook about investing in

cryptocurrency via **ROBOTRADERS** and receiving a 300% return on investment. After seeing the post, the victim reached out to the suspect about investment.

3. The victim communicated with the suspect through Facebook Messenger and was directed to invest in cryptocurrency trading through **ROBOTRADERS** by sending cryptocurrency via PayPal to an account associated with **ROBOTRADERS**.

4. On March 21, 2024, the suspect instructed the victim how to create a **ROBOTRADERS** account through **ROBOTRADERSINC.COM**. On three occasions between March 2024 and June 2024, the victim sent cryptocurrency—totaling approximately \$22,494 U.S. dollar worth of Bitcoin (BTC)—to the following **ROBOTRADERS** cryptocurrency wallet address:

- BTC: bc1q57wsmsrwfen0ve26a8rkdcllkse4pshhjkt6xj

5. After the victim invested, she was able to log in to her **ROBOTRADERS** account, which reflected that the victim's account had increased in value to approximately \$330,000.

6. On July 24, 2024 the victim attempted to withdraw their investment from their **ROBOTRADERS** account but was advised that they needed to pay \$33,286 in taxes and fees before their funds could be withdrawn. The victim was advised that the fees could not come from their gains on the **ROBOTRADERS** account but needed to come from an outside source. The victim attempted to withdraw the funds from an investment account to pay the fees, at which point the fraudulent activity was discovered by the victim's investment adviser. The victim later spoke with the acquaintance who advised that her Facebook account had been hacked.

7. On September 10, 2024, a review of the registration files of the Alabama Securities Commission revealed no registration for the **RESPONDENT** in any capacity.

8. Further investigation by the Commission determined that the compromised Facebook account had been accessed from IP addresses in Nigeria. The Commission also found that the website **ROBOTRADERSINC.COM** was registered through Namecheap and had been paid for with cryptocurrency that apparently originated from an account opened by an individual residing in Nigeria.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. Pursuant to section 8-6-2(10), Code of Alabama 1975, the definition of a security includes investment contracts. The investment plan outlined by **RESPONDENT**, which required the investment of money in the investment program managed by **RESPONDENT** from which the investor expected profits to be derived from the efforts of **RESPONDENT**, is an investment contract, and therefore a security, as defined by the Act.

8. Pursuant to Section 8-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975, it is unlawful for any person to offer or sell any security in this state unless it is registered or exempt from registration under Section 8-6-10; or the transaction is exempt under Section 8-6-11. **RESPONDENT** offered and sold its investment contract, which was neither registered nor subject to a perfected exemption from registration, in violation of the Act.

9. Pursuant to section 8-6-17(b)(1), 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. **RESPONDENT** promised excessive returns to an investor, reported fictitious account values, imposed undisclosed fees, and stopped the victim from withdrawing funds, 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, through either administrative adjudication, failure of the **RESPONDENT** to make a timely request for a hearing, or default of the **RESPONDENT**, it is the intention of the Commission to impose sanctions upon the **RESPONDENT**. Such sanctions may include, *inter alia*, an administrative assessment imposed on **RESPONDENT**, an additional administrative assessment for investigative costs arising from the investigation of the violations described herein against **RESPONDENT**, and a permanent order to bar **RESPONDENT** from participation in any securities-related industry in the State of Alabama.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that **RESPONDENT** immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from further offers or sales of any security into, within or from the State of Alabama.

Entered at Montgomery, Alabama, this 10th day of August, 2025.

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