

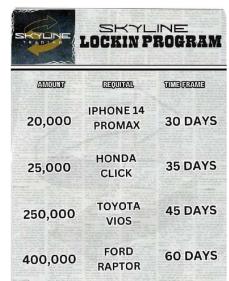


SEC ADVISORY

This is to inform the public that <u>SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS TRADING</u> is NOT AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT INVESTMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Based on reports and information gathered by the Commission, certain individuals claiming to represent "SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS TRADING" are offering investment opportunities online through Facebook Messenger group chats 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. In addition, the entity offers a "Lock-In Program" promising smartphones and various motor vehicles as "rewards" for their investors.







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





For the information of the public, an "investment contract" exists when there is an investment or 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 **SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS 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 **SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS 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 **SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS 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*" which is fraudulent is **NOT** a registrable security.

Further, R.A. No. 11765 otherwise known as the Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act (FCPA) prohibits *investment fraud* which is defined under the law as any form of deceptive solicitation of investments from the public which includes Ponzi Schemes and such other schemes involving the promise or offer of profits or returns sourced from the investments or contribution made by the investors themselves and the offering or selling of investment schemes to the public without a license or permit from the SEC.

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

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers or agents of **SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS TRADING**, in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by the said entity including soliciting investments or recruiting investors online may be held criminally liable for violation of Section 11 of the FCPA and 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 **SKYLINE CRYPTO AND DRY GOODS 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 May 2024.