

address of 1577 Parisn way, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

BitConnect

Trading LTD (collectively "BitConnect") are all parts of the same foreign technology organization

BitConnect investments. The Referral Links ensured that Affiliates were credited with the appropriate commission according to the BitConnect Referral Program.

BitConnect Offered and Sold Unregistered, Non-exempt Securities

11. BitConnect's advertising indicated that its investors would be participating in investment contracts.

12. Those contracts required the investors to invest money with BitConnect for a fixed

¹ Emergency Order to Cease and Desist In the Matter of BitConnect, Texas State Securities Board, Order No. ENF-18-CDO-1754 (July 4, 2018) (https://www.ssb.texas.gov/sites/default/files/BitConnect_ENF-18-CDO-1754.pdf).

PLC and BitConnect Trading LTD, North Carolina Secretary of State Securities Division, File No. 17 SEC 091 (Jan. 9, 2018) (https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/securities/admin_action)

S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-402(a), or exempt from such registration.

26. The Respondent sold securities as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-102(29).

27. The securities sold by the Respondent were not registered with the Division as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-301, or exempt from such registration.

³ See, <https://www.sosnc.gov/imaging/dime/webportal/54341639.pdf>

controlled by or on behalf of the Respondent **CEASE AND DESIST** from transacting business in this State in violation of the Act; and

- b. The Respondent pay a civil penalty in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) if this Order becomes effective by operation of law, or, if the Respondent seeks a hearing and any legal authority resolves this matter, pay a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act by the Respondent and the actual cost of the investigation or proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-604(a)(2) and (3), any exemption from registration with the Division that the Respondent may claim to rely upon under the Act has been and is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

VII. REQUIREMENT OF ANSWER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to a formal hearing on the matters contained herein. To schedule a hearing, the Respondent must file with the Division, Post Office Box 11549, Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211-1549, attention: Securities Division, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Order, a written Answer

