STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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Order No. S-21-3081-21-FO01

ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, TO IMPOSE A FINE, AND TO CHARGE COSTS

Respondent.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the

Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com,

Securities Act of Washington by:

Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com

INTRODUCTION

On September 24, 2021, the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington issued State of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist ("Statement of Charges"), Order Number S-21-3081-21-SC01, against Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com. The Statement of Charges, together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing ("Application") were served on Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com on October 1, 2021. The Notice advised Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com that the Application must be received within twenty days from the date of service. Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com failed to request an administrative hearing within twenty days of service.

The Securities Administrator therefore adopts as final the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Statement of Charges and enters a final order against Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com to cease and desist from violations of the Securities Act of Washington, and to impose the fine and costs sought in the Statement of Charges.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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1. Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com holds itself to be a "Crypto-Forex trading company" that offers "profitable Crypto-Forex investment solutions." Coinchainbtc.com uses a United Kingdom (UK) address in Oxford that is a virtual office. Debtix Enterprises Ltd. is believed to be a UK company that was incorporated on April 22, 2016 and dissolved on September 26, 2017.

Nature of the Conduct

- 2. Between December 2020 and January 2021, a student at the University of Washington in Seattle lost over \$10,000 through cryptocurrency investments that were made with Coinchainbtc.com. Coinchainbtc.com claimed to offer "highly profitable investment plans" with "guaranteed profits" that could be earned within days. The Washington investor has been unable to withdraw most of his investment funds and he has lost nearly all of his life savings.
- 3. In December 2020, the Washington investor was solicited through a Telegram chat that used the name "Wall Street Academy." A Coinchainbtc.com account manager posted a message stating that he offered investment plans and would trade for investors. The Washington investor began communicating with the account manager through WhatsApp and also received information through the Coinchainbtc.com website.
- 4. Coinchainbtc.com claimed to have a professional team of traders and financial analysts that invested funds for investors in foreign exchange and cryptocurrency markets. Coinchainbtc.com claimed to have invested more than six billion dollars from investors in 40 markets worldwide. A Coinchainbtc.com representative stated that he would set up an account for the investor and would conduct all of the trades for him. The Washington resident was a passive investor and had no control over the trades that were made

in his account. The Coinchainbtc.com website represented that investors "can earn a huge sum of money without any efforts. [sic] Simply deposit money and wait."

- 5. The Coinchainbtc.com account manager represented that the investor would earn returns of 800% or more within days. The account manager stated that the Washington investor would earn "guaranteed profits" that could be withdrawn every fourteen days. According to a schedule that was posted on Telegram, a \$500 investment would be worth \$5,300 in fourteen days, and a \$10,000 investment would be worth \$90,000 in fourteen days. The Coinchainbtc.com website stated: "GET YOUR BITCOINS DOUBLED" and "the more you deposit, the more you earn."
- 6. Coinchainbtc.com instructed the Washington investor to transfer Bitcoin to specified wallet addresses. Between January 4 and January 15, 2021, the Washington investor transferred a total of approximately \$11,000 worth of Bitcoin to those wallet addresses. Coinchainbtc.com also provided the Washington investor with a user name and password so that he could log into an online account using the company's website. Through this online account, the Washington investor was led to believe that his account had grown to over \$70,000.
- 7. Coinchainbtc.com made misrepresentations on its website regarding the risk of the investment. Coinchainbtc.com claimed that it offered a "no risk investment solution." A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of the website stated:

Could I lose my investment with coinchainbtc.com? No. We have established a robust financial strategy to ensure that our clients enjoy a no risk investment solution that delivers continual growth and total peace of mind.

The website also stated: "We protect your principal investment and we guarantee returns via our unique investment platform." In truth, investors faced the risk of a total loss. As described below, the Washington investor was unable to withdraw most of the funds in his account.

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8. Shortly after making his investments, the Washington investor discovered that the company's phone number did not work. Coinchainbtc.com claimed on its website that "You can get your profit at any moment." In fact, when the Washington investor attempted to withdraw funds from his account, he received messages from Coinchainbtc.com with various excuses for why he could not withdraw his funds. Coinchainbtc.com directed the investor to transfer an additional \$3,000 in Bitcoin to purportedly pay fees to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Washington investor was only able to withdraw approximately \$10 from his account. When the Washington investor attempted to withdraw other funds from his account, he was told that his request could not be processed.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The offer and/or sale of the investments described above constitutes the offer and/or sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005(14) and (17).
- 2. Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com violated RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act of Washington, by making untrue statements of material fact or omitting to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.

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Based upon the foregoing, and finding it in the public interest:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com, its agents and employees each shall cease and desist from violations of RCW 21.20.010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$10,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Debtix Enterprise Ltd. d/b/a Coinchainbtc.com shall be liable for and shall pay costs of \$1,000. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE This FINAL ORDER is entered pursuant to RCW 21.20.390 and is subject to Chapter 34.05 RCW. Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under Part V of Chapter 34.05 RCW. Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395(4), a certified copy of this Final Order may be filed in superior court. If so filed, the clerk shall treat the Final Order in the same manner as a superior court judgment as to the fine, and the fine may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in like manner. WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. SIGNED and ENTERED this 22nd day of October William M. Beatty Securities Administrator Approved by: Presented by: 20m Suzanne Sarason Robert Kondrat Chief of Enforcement Financial Legal Examiner

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