PUBLIC ADVISORY

ON THE ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE NAME AND CORPORATE DOCUMENTS OF ABACUS SECURITIES CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH SOLICITATIONS FOR "ACCOUNT VERIFICATION FEES" OR "TAX SETTLEMENT" CHARGES

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) hereby informs the public that the Commission has received information regarding the alleged **unauthorized use of the letterhead of ABACUS SECURITIES CORPORATION**, as well as the **name and signature of one of its account officers**, in correspondence purportedly soliciting payment of "account verification fees" or "tax settlement" charges.

The official logo of **ABACUS SECURITIES CORPORATION** is shown below for reference:

Abacus Securities Corporation
Member: Philippine Stock Exchange

8667-8900 local 6117
Unit E 2904-A Tektite Towers, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig, City

Based on the information received, such communications appear to be part of a scheme wherein individuals falsely represent themselves as affiliated with **ABACUS SECURITIES CORPORATION** and request payment of certain fees prior to the purported completion or release of a financial transaction. The correspondence reportedly uses documents designed to appear official, including the unauthorized use of corporate letterheads and signatures, in order to induce recipients to remit payment.

The Commission notes that schemes of this nature bear the characteristics of what is commonly known as **advance-fee fraud.** In this type of fraudulent activity, perpetrators misrepresent themselves as legitimate representatives of a company or organization and request payment of verification fees, processing fees, settlement charges, taxes, or other similar payments before the supposed completion of a transaction or service.

In this connection, the Commission has previously issued several **public advisories warning investors and the general public against advance-fee scams**, particularly schemes involving the solicitation of payments under the guise of processing fees, verification charges, or similar payments prior to the release of loans, investments, or other financial transactions.

Accordingly, the public is **strongly advised to exercise extreme caution** in dealing with any individual, email communication, website, social media page, or other platform claiming to represent **ABACUS SECURITIES CORPORATION** that requests payment of “account verification fees,” “tax settlement” charges, or similar payments in connection with investment or financial transactions.

The public is likewise reminded that the **unauthorized use of a corporation’s name, letterhead, logo, or the identity of its officers or representatives** in connection with fraudulent solicitations may constitute deceptive or fraudulent conduct punishable under applicable laws, including the **Electronic Commerce Act (Republic Act No. 8792)**, and the **Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10175)**.

For the guidance of the public.

Makati City, 18 March 2026