

PUBLIC ADVISORY

AGAINST THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE NAME OF METRO FUNDERZ FINANCING CORPORATION IN ONLINE LOAN SCHEMES

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) warns the public against individuals or groups fraudulently using the name, identity, and registration details of **METRO FUNDERZ FINANCING CORPORATION** (“Company”) in connection with alleged unauthorized online lending and loan solicitation activities.

Based on information received by the Commission, unidentified persons or entities are allegedly operating through online messaging applications such as Telegram and WhatsApp and are purportedly:

- advertising loan offers through online and social media platforms;
- redirecting prospective borrowers to messaging applications or private online accounts;
- requiring the payment of alleged “advance fees,” “processing fees,” “verification fees,” or similar charges prior to the release of purported loan proceeds; and
- falsely representing themselves as affiliated with or authorized by METRO FUNDERZ FINANCING CORPORATION.

The public is hereby informed that:

1. METRO FUNDERZ FINANCING CORPORATION is a corporation registered with the Commission as a financing company;

2. The Company **has categorically denied** any participation, involvement, or connection with the foregoing online activities;
3. The Company has represented that it **does not operate** any online lending platform, website, mobile application, or social media-based lending service for purposes of offering or processing loans online; and
4. The reported use of the Company's name, identity, and registration details in the subject online activities **is unauthorized and without the knowledge or consent of the Company.**

In view thereof, the public is strongly advised to exercise extreme caution and vigilance when dealing with online loan offers and similar financial solicitations conducted through websites, messaging applications, social media platforms, or other digital channels.

The public is further advised to:

- **NOT** transact with *any person, website, application, social media account, or messaging account* claiming to represent METRO FUNDERZ FINANCING CORPORATION for purposes of online lending activities;
- **NOT pay** any advance fee, deposit, processing charge, or similar payment as a condition for the approval or release of a loan;
- **VERIFY** the legitimacy and registration status of financing and lending companies through the SEC Check App and the official SEC website; and

- **REPORT** suspicious, fraudulent, or unauthorized activities to the proper authorities immediately.

The public is reminded that the unauthorized use of corporate identities, fraudulent representations, and online solicitation schemes may constitute violations of applicable laws, including Republic Act No. 10175, otherwise known as the “Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012,” and other relevant laws, rules, and regulations.

Persons who may have been victimized by similar schemes are encouraged to report the matter to the Philippine National Police – Anti-Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), or other appropriate law enforcement agencies.

For inquiries or assistance, the public may contact the SEC through:

- Telephone: 14732 (1-4SEC)
- iMessage Portal: <https://imessage.sec.gov.ph/>
- Official Website: <https://www.sec.gov.ph>