

PUBLIC ADVISORY

ON THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE COMPANY NAME OF VALUE QUEST FINANCE CORPORATION

The public is hereby informed that the **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)** has received information regarding the **unauthorized use of the name “Value Quest Finance Corporation”** in connection with alleged online lending activities conducted through certain social media platforms and messaging applications.

Based on initial information received, the following platforms and accounts have been reported to be **misrepresenting themselves as affiliated with or authorized by Value Quest Finance Corporation**:

- A Facebook page operating under the name **“Kabayan Loan Express”**; and
- Other related online channels engaging in similar representations.

These platforms allegedly solicit personal information and require advance payments from prospective borrowers under the guise of loan processing or approval. **The public is hereby advised that such acts bear the hallmarks of fraudulent schemes**, including misrepresentation and possible advance-fee fraud.

Value Quest Finance Corporation has clarified that it is **not** affiliated with, and has not authorized, the foregoing entities or activities.

In view thereof, the public is **strongly advised to exercise caution** and to observe the following:

1. **Do not engage with or transact with unverified online lending platforms**, particularly those operating solely through social media or messaging applications;
2. **Do not provide personal or financial information** to unknown or unverified entities;
3. **Do not remit any form of advance payment or “processing fee”** as a precondition for loan approval;

4. **Verify the legitimacy of financing and lending companies** through the official SEC website and the list of duly registered entities.

The SEC reiterates that only **registered and authorized financing and lending companies** may operate and are subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations designed to protect financial consumers.

The Commission is **currently coordinating with the appropriate authorities** to investigate the reported activities and to consider filing appropriate actions against the responsible parties.

For any information or to report similar incidents, the public may contact the SEC through its official channels.

For further information or assistance, the SEC may be contacted through:

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