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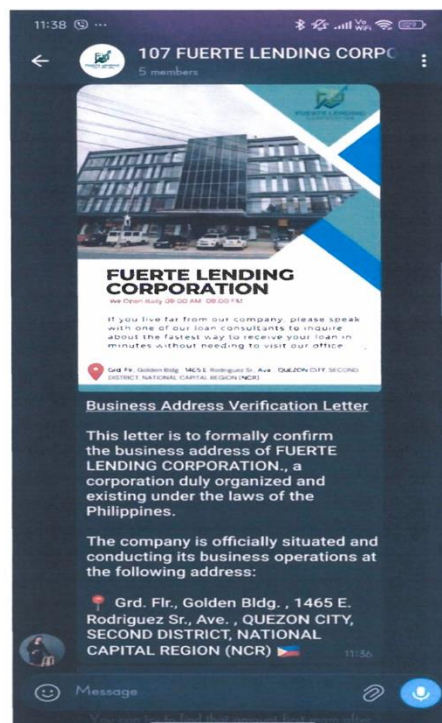
ON THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE COMPANY NAME AND REGULATORY CREDENTIALS OF FUERTE LENDING CORPORATION

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") hereby warns the public against individuals or groups unlawfully using the name, logo, business identity, and regulatory credentials of **FUERTE LENDING CORPORATION** through various online channels, including messaging applications such as **Telegram**, while falsely representing themselves as authorized representatives of the Company.

Based on the report submitted by FUERTE LENDING CORPORATION and the verification conducted by the Financing and Lending Companies Department ("FinLenD"), unknown persons have been impersonating the Company to solicit prospective borrowers and induce them to remit money under the guise of processing or facilitating loan applications.

Modus Operandi

The Department's verification revealed that the perpetrators operate Telegram groups and other online communication channels bearing the name and logo of **FUERTE LENDING CORPORATION**, thereby creating the false impression that such groups are officially maintained or authorized by the Company.



The foregoing materials were submitted to and verified by the Department as part of the Company's report regarding the unauthorized use of its corporate identity. These materials appear intended to create the false impression that the perpetrators are affiliated with, authorized by, or acting on behalf of FUERTE LENDING CORPORATION.

The Commission likewise observed that the reported activities exhibit several indicators commonly associated with **advance-fee loan scams**, including:

- solicitations conducted outside the Company's legitimate and duly recorded online lending platforms;
- demands for security deposits, processing fees, insurance fees, or similar payments before loan proceeds are released;
- instructions directing borrowers to transfer funds to personal bank accounts or electronic wallets belonging to private individuals rather than to the lending company;
- persons falsely representing themselves as officers, employees, agents, or authorized representatives of the Company; and
- unauthorized use of the Company's corporate name, logo, certificates, business identity, and other regulatory credentials to induce public confidence.

The Commission emphasizes that, under existing SEC rules and regulations, **only financing companies and lending companies duly registered with the SEC and operating through their properly recorded Online Lending Platforms (OLPs)** are authorized to offer loan products through digital channels. Persons or entities conducting online lending activities through unauthorized or unrecorded online platforms are not recognized by the Commission and may be engaged in fraudulent, deceptive, or unlawful activities prejudicial to the borrowing public.

The unauthorized use of the corporate identity, business name, logo, Certificate of Authority, or other regulatory credentials of a duly registered financing or lending company poses a serious threat to financial consumers. Such acts may expose the public to fraudulent loan schemes, unauthorized collection of payments, identity theft, unauthorized processing of personal information, financial loss, and other forms of cyber-enabled fraud. Depending on the circumstances, the perpetrators may likewise incur liability under applicable laws, including the **Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act**, the **Electronic Commerce Act**, the **Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012**, the **Data Privacy Act of 2012**, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Accordingly, the Commission strongly advises the public to exercise utmost caution before dealing with online lending platforms, mobile applications, websites,