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Amazon Web Services, Inc.

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By email: s 22

cc: s 22

Att: s 22

Dear s 22

RE: Union Standard International Group Pty Ltd

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**) is responsible for the regulation of financial services in Australia.

ASIC understands that Amazon Web Services, Inc. (**AWS**) is the host provider for the website www.usgfx.global (**Website**).

It has come to ASIC's attention that a series of websites have recently been set up with this Website domain, hosted on different servers with the identified IP addresses of 18.141.86.108, 52.74.122.253 and 52.76.14.193. When visited from an Australian IP address, it redirects to www.usgfx.global/au (**Australian Website**), and refers to an entity called Union Standard International Group Pty Ltd (**USG**).

ASIC has concerns that the Australian Website contains false or misleading information. Namely, it asserts that USG is regulated by ASIC, holds an Australian financial services licence (**AFSL**) and offers various trading opportunities in financial products.

USG does not hold a valid AFSL and is not authorised to provide financial services. On 14 September 2020, ASIC cancelled the AFSL of USG. ASIC subsequently published a media release advising of the cancellation of USG's AFSL – see <https://asic.gov.au/about-asic/news-centre/find-a-media-release/2020-releases/20-216mr-asic-cancels-afs-licence-of-union-standard-international-group/>. USG is also currently in liquidation.

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Action Requested

Given the above, ASIC requests that AWS **immediately** arranges for the removal of the redirected webpage www.usgfx.global/au s 22

ASIC notes that www.usgfx.global redirects to the Australian Website when viewed from an Australian IP address, and as such, our concerns do not presently extend beyond the Australian page, www.usgfx.global/au. In these circumstances, we request that the redirect webpage www.usgfx.global/au be taken offline without disabling access to the broader www.usgfx.global website.

Please revert to us to confirm as soon as possible. Otherwise, if AWS has any questions, please contact me via email at s 22

Yours faithfully,

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