From:	Section 22
To:	Section 22
Cc:	Section 22
Bcc:	Section 22
Subject:	RE: Information Request CRM:011801290 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Tuesday, 21 May 2024 8:20:18 AM
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I have followed up with the relevant stakeholder teams within ASIC regarding this matter and am now awaiting a response.

An update will be provided immediately to the FMA, once available.

Should there be any further assistance we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Section 22 Lawyer, International

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From: Section 22	@fma.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 202	4 2:36 PM
To:Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Cc:Section 22	@fma.govt.nz>
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Kia ora / Greetings

We would appreciate receiving urgently any updates you can provide in respect of this matter. Our enquiries are on hold pending responses from ASIC and other regulators.

I also advise that Section 22 (copied above) is back on deck and will be picking up this file again.



From: Section 22	asic.gov.au>	
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2	:52 PM	
To:Section 22	@fma.govt.nz>;Section 22	@fma.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Information Request C	CRM:011801290 [SEC=OFFICIAL]	
Hi ^{Section 22}		

Thanks for your email.

I am still waiting to hear back from the relevant stakeholder team in relation to this matter.

I will let you know immediately once we have a response to your request.

Let me know if there are any other issues or ways ASIC can be of assistance.

Regards

Section 22 Lawyer, International

Australian Securities and Investments Commission



 From: Section 22
 @fma.govt.nz>

 Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 11:57 AM

 To: Section 22
 @asic.gov.au>; Section 22

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 Subject: RE: Information Request [SEC=OFFICIAL] CRM:011801290

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Kia ora / Greetings

I've taken over this matter from Section 22 as he is currently unwell. Please send any updates to me directly.

Ngā mihi Section 22

Section 22 Principal Adviser, Perimeter & Response



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From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au> Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 5:52 PM To: Section 22 @fma.govt.nz> Subject: RE: Information Request [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear^{Section 22}

ASIC acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Financial Markets Authority, dated 19th March 2024.

We have commenced undertaking the relevant enquiries and searches in respect of your request and will provide an update as soon as practicable.

In the meantime, should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards

Section 22 Lawyer, International

Australian Securities and Investments Commission



From:Section 22	@fma.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024	11:28 AM
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Good morning

Attached info request.

Feel free to contact me if you need any further information or clarification,



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WELLINGTON OFFICE Level 2, 1 Grey Street Wellington PO Box 1179, Wellington 6140 PHONE +64 4 472 9830

19 March 2024

Australian Securities and Investment Commission

Section 22 @asic.gov.au

DearSection 22

Request for information on Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project.

 The New Zealand Financial Markets Authority (FMA) requests the assistance of The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) pursuant to the bilateral MOU dated 28 August 2012 to which ASIC and the FMA are both signatories.

The Request

- 2. FMA requests information that ASIC might hold relating to the following request subjects Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project.
- 3. FMA requests:
 - 3.1 Any information relating to 'Lumiere Project' or investment opportunities offered by the Request subject in a company called 'Yappa' which is a tech start-up company based in the USA/UK.
 - 3.2 Summaries of any complaints received by ASIC, or investigations conducted by ASIC in relation to the Request Subjects.
 - 3.3 Any documents and information that the ASIC holds regarding any New Zealand based clients identified during any investigation conducted by ASIC in relation to the Request subjects.
 - 3.4 Summaries of any prior misconduct found, or determinations made within the ASIC's jurisdiction relation to the Request Subjects.
 - 3.5 Communications between ASIC and any of the Request Subjects concerning any allegations/findings of wrongdoing or restrictions made upon their ability to conduct financial services within ASIC's jurisdiction.

Purpose for which information sought.

- The documents and information sought from the files of ASIC will assist FMA to determine whether any financial services were provided in New Zealand by the Request Subjects and to investigate if any potential misconduct has occurred.
- Information obtained in response to this request may be used for the purposes of criminal, civil and/or administrative investigation and subsequent proceedings.

Further comments

- 6. The FMA has received six complaints from offshore investors regarding the Request subjects and the investment opportunities offered by them in a company called Yappa. We have been made aware of payments being made by the complainants into an Australian based bank account by investors. It appears that this bank about was owned by **Reagan Hillyer**.
- 7. We have been advised that complaints have also been made to other IOSCO jurisdictions regarding this matter. The following case number was supplied by complainants in relation to the ASIC complaint:
 - ASIC Ref: 10062962
- 8. If you require any assistance from FMA regarding your enquiries, the FMA would be willing to assist.

Confidentiality

This request is confidential. Any information obtained by the FMA in response to this request will be used confidentially in accordance with the confidentiality clauses in the MOU.

The information in this letter is confidential and is disclosed in accordance with principle 11 (1)(e) of section 22 of the New Zealand Privacy Act 2020 and section 59 of the Financial Markets Authority Act 2011. It remains confidential while being handled by ASIC and is subject to the confidentially clauses at paragraph 8 of the MoU.

If you have any questions in relation to the request, please do not hesitate to contact me on Section 22 @fma.govt.nz



Senior Advisor Perimeter and Response

From:	Section 22
Го:	Section 22
Bcc:	Section 22
Subject:	Information Request - Lumiere Project [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date:	Friday, 31 May 2024 1:40:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png
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Dear Section 22

Thank you for your request dated 19 March 2024, regarding **Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer** and the **Lumiere Project**.

I have conducted searches of ASIC's public and confidential databases, and consulted internally. I can confirm ASIC has no additional information to provide to the points of your request in this instance. We have assessed the information provided to us and have not taken further action. We note that you have received complaints from reporters and will be able to obtain any further information you need from them.

Please note that this response is provided in accordance with ASIC's standard procedures for probity / due diligence checks. For details on these procedures, please refer to Information Sheet 92 "Probity request procedures for overseas regulators", which is available via the "Information for foreign regulators on registration/licensing processes" link on ASIC's International Activities web page: www.asic.gov.au/international.

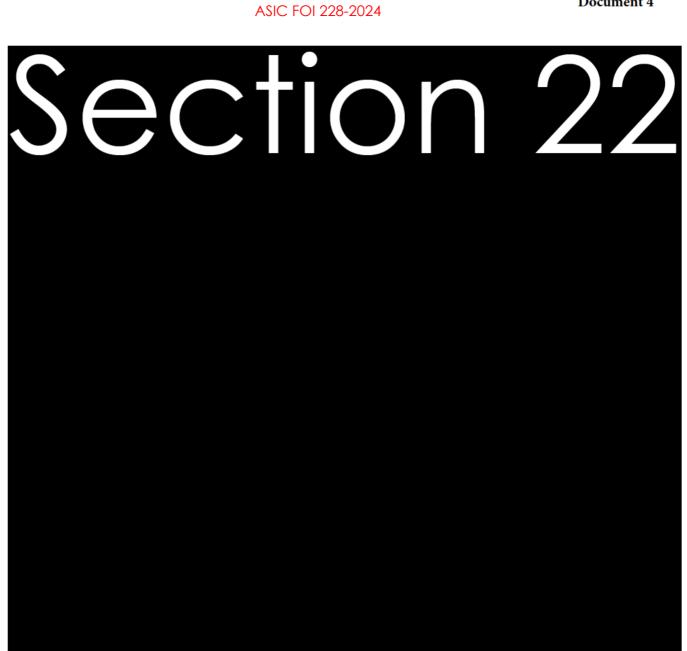
This information is provided confidentially under the bilateral MOU to which ASIC and the FMA are signatories.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Kind regards, Section 22	
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Section 22

 From: Section 22
 @fma.govt.nz>

 Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 11:32 AM

 To: Section 22
 @asic.gov.au>

Subject: Information on Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project

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Good Afternoon

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This information is linked to an information request made to you, dated 19th March 2024. This information is released under section 30(1)(b)(ii) of the Financial Markets Authority Act 2011, and the privacy principle 11 (1)(e) of section 22 of the Privacy Act 2020. The information is also released under the IOSCO Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding.

The warning can be found here on the FMA website:

Christof Malchizedek - The Lumiere project unregistered | Financial Markets Authority

If you require further information regarding any details of this case, please let me know.

Regards



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To:	Section 22
Subject:	Please register a GEQ [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Wednesday, 28 August 2024 11:34:08 PM
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Hi Team,

Can you please register a GEQ for the information which was provided to ASIC by the FMA. The International team has already acknowledged the FMA and as such this GEQ is for recording purposes.



This is the email I received re Christoff.

Kind Regards,
Section 22
Regulatory Triage Analyst
Regulatory Insights & Assessment
Registry & Intelligence
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Section 22
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From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>
Cc: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>Section 22 @asic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Information on Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Dear ^{section 22} ,
Hope you had a good weekend. Please find below email related to <u>CAS-144098-H6C3W5</u> assigned to you earlier.
Many Thanks
Kind Regards
Section 22
Registration Officer - Regulatory Insights & Assessment Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Section 22
From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>
From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au> Sent: Monday, 26 August 2024 2:45 PM
To: RI&A Registration Requests Section 22 @asic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Information on Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Hi RI&A
Please note the following report of misconduct received from the NZ FMA. Please note this relates to an
earlier complaint to ASIC (ASIC Ref: 10062962) as well as a request for information from the FMA that the
International Team responded to in March 2024.
I will acknowledge this matter.
Please advise if you require anything further.
Regards
Senior Manager, International
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Section 22
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From: Section 22 @fma.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>

Subject: Information on Christof Melchizedek, Reagan Hillyer and Lumiere Project

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The warning can be found here on the FMA website:

Christof Malchizedek - The Lumiere project unregistered | Financial Markets Authority

If you require further information regarding any details of this case, please let me know.

Regards



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From:	Section 22
To:	Section 22
Subject:	RE: Proposed quick close of Lumiere Project / General enquiry CAS-162589-Q5G7W6 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Tuesday, 10 September 2024 11:55:16 AM
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That is fine T. International did not say we would contact them again I hope

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From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 11:48 AM

To: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>

Subject: Proposed quick close of Lumiere Project / General enquiry CAS-162589-Q5G7W6 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

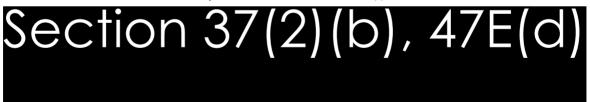
Hi^{Section 22}

We have a GEQ in the distributions list- Lumiere Project CAS-162589-Q5G7W6.

I think that this can be quick closed to save an analyst a few minutes.

The salient points are:

- The case was spawned by correspondence received from the Financial Markets Authority of New Zealand.
- The correspondence informs ASIC that the FMA has issued a warning about Christof Malchizedek, The Lumiere Project and the Conscious Crypto Circle.



- The correspondence from the FMA appears to be an 'FYI', rather than raising any new allegations/concerns.
- International have acknowledge receipt of the FMA corro.

Could you please advise whether you approve that this case can be quick closed or otherwise.

Many thanks.

Kind reaards Section 22 Analyst Regulatory Insights & Assessment Australian Securities and Investments Commission Section 22

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From:	Section 22
То:	Section 22
Subject:	Follow up- Request for further information about your report regarding LUMIERE PROJECT and MR CHRISTOF MELCHIZEDER [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Thursday, 4 April 2024 12:05:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.gif

DearSection 22,

How are you today? We refer to our email to you on 5 March 2024 requesting for further information about your report of misconduct regarding Lumiere Project. We do not seem to have received a response from you. We would appreciate it if you can provide a response by Monday, 8 April 2024. If you do not have any further information to provide ASIC, can you please advise us also.

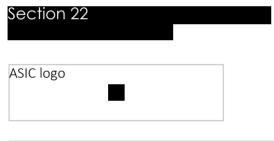
Please contact me if you have any queries about this email.

Yours Sincerely,



Analyst – Misconduct & Breach Reporting

Australian Securities and Investments Commission



From: Section 22

Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:24 PM

To:Section 22

Subject: Request for further information about your report regarding LUMIERE PROJECT and MR CHRISTOF MELCHIZEDER [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Our Reference: CAS-144098-H6C3W5

DearSection 22

RE: LUMIERE PROJECT and MR CHRISTOF MELCHIZEDER

We refer to your report dated 4 February 2024 providing information related to alleged misconduct.

ASIC is seeking further information from you relating to your tip off. We request that you provide the following information in relation to your experience that may assist us in pursuing our regulatory objectives:





Please provide as much detail as you can. If you are unable to provide any of the requested information, please tell us what you can't provide and why. We would appreciate it if you can provide a response by Monday, 11 March 2024.

Your answers will provide ASIC with valuable intelligence so thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Section 22

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From:	Section 22
To:	Section 22
Subject:	RE: Follow up - CAS-144098-H6C3W5 (3) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Thursday, 4 April 2024 3:03:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.gif

Our Reference: CAS-144098-H6C3W5

DearSection 22,

RE: LUMIERE PROJECT and MR CHRISTOF MELCHIZEDER

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2024 providing information requested by ASIC. I confirm that I received 3 emails from you.

ASIC has considered your report and recorded it as intelligence. You will only hear from us again if we require further information from you.

ASIC **does not** resolve complaints, intervene in disputes, give legal advice or act to get your money back. Please visit <u>www.moneysmart.gov.au</u> to find out more about other organisations or services that may be able to assist with your situation.

What happens next?

We use reports of misconduct, together with all the intelligence we collect, to detect misconduct, identify patterns, trends, and broader systemic problems in the financial system that may require ASIC's intervention.

ASIC does not provide updates on reports of misconduct. For more information, see Information Sheet 152 Public comment on ASIC's regulatory activities.

To find out more about how ASIC uses reports of misconduct, read <u>Information Sheet 153</u> How ASIC deals with reports of misconduct. Please also see ASIC's <u>Enforcement Priorities</u> to see what we are currently focusing on.

By reporting misconduct to ASIC, you are helping us regulate the Australian financial system and to act against misconduct by the entities within it. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

Section 22

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From:	Section 22
To:	Section 22
Subject:	RE: Request for info for Lumiere CAS-144098 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Monday, 8 April 2024 5:17:26 PM
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Hi^{Section 22}

Please find enclosed the correspondence received from the FMA with the relevant request for information.

If you would like to discuss the request or any other aspect of this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me,.

Regards

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From:Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024	5:35 PM
To:Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Cc:Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Subject: Request for info for	Lumiere CAS-144098 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi	Section 22
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How are you today? I refer to our conversation yesterday about the request for information about my current matter, Lumiere Projects. I spoke to my team leader about this request and we are wondering if you can provide more information about the request so we can determine if we are in a position to provide information about our rom. Can you please enlighten us on why the requesting agency needs the information (i.e. are they also investigating Lumiere) and what type of information they require?

Please contact me if you have any queries about this email.

Kind Regards,

Section 22

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To:	Section 22
Subject:	Request for update about Lumiere from the FMA [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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I received the email below from Section 22 about a request for update about Lumiere. I am not sure how we should respond to this and the original request for info by the FMA. I would appreciate your thoughts on this requests.



Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 2:42 PM To: Section 22 Subject: FW: Information Request CRM:011801290 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi	Section :	

Hope you have been well.

We have received another request for an update from the FMA regarding the Lumiere CAS-144098 matter.

Is there any update that could be provided in order to be able to provide a response to the FMA?

Happy to discuss this further, if that would be of any assistance.

Regards

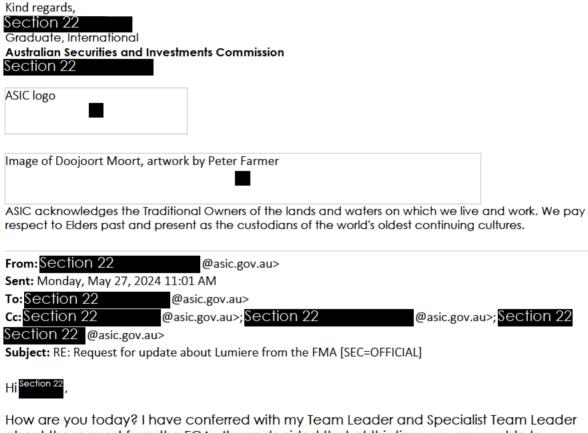
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From:	Section 22
To:	Section 22
Cc:	Section 22
Subject:	RE: Request for update about Lumiere from the FMA [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi^{Section 2}

Thank you for this response. I will go back to the FMA and advise accordingly.



about the request from the FCA. It was decided that at this time, we are unable to provide any information to the FMA about our rom regarding Lumiere Projects for the following reasons:



Please contact me if you have any queries about this matter.

Kind Regards,



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Analyst – Misconduct & Breach Reporting



From: Section 22 @asic.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:28 PM

To:Section 22		@asic.gov.au>;	Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Cc:Section 22	<u>@</u>	<u>asic.gov.au</u> >		

Subject: RE: Request for update about Lumiere from the FMA [SEC=OFFICIAL]



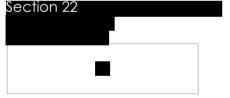
I refer to the subject matter and note that as I am about to go on leave, carriage of this matter has now been passed onto my colleague $-\frac{\text{Section } 22}{\text{Section } 22}$ – who is cc'd into this email

All future correspondence about this matter should be directed towards section?

Regards

Section 22 Lawyer, International

Australian Securities and Investments Commission



From: Section 22	@asic.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024	5:19 PM
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Subject: RE: Request for update about Lumiere from the FMA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi^{Section}

has passed me the below email as she is offline tomorrow. The specialist has been offline due to unforeseen circumstances, and we are still waiting to hear back from him. I will follow him up tomorrow and hopefully have information for you soon.

I apologise for the delay.

Please contact me if you would like to chat further.

Thanks Kind Regards

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Team Leader, Misconduct & Breach Reporting

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