

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

Section 12GX of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (Cth)

Date of giving this notice: 12 February 2025

Unique identification code: P00187612

- TO: Chapter Two Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 607 596 449 Unit 2/ 445 Warrigal Road Moorabbin VIC 3189
- 1. ASIC gives this infringement notice under section 12GX of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (Cth) (ASIC Act).
- 2. ASIC has reasonable grounds to believe that Chapter Two Holdings Pty Ltd (**Chapter Two**) has contravened an infringement notice provision as follows:
 - (a) From around 1 August 2023 to 14 March 2024 (Relevant Period), Chapter Two contravened section 12DB(1)(e) of the ASIC Act by, in trade or commerce, in connection with the supply or possible supply of financial services, or in connection with the promotion by any means of the supply or use of financial services, making a false or misleading representation that services have particular performance characteristics.
 - (b) During the Relevant Period, Chapter Two caused its website, <<u>www.chaptertwo.com.au></u> (Website) to contain the following representation, also referred to at Annexure A: '\$80 million debt wiped.'
 - (c) Chapter Two made a representation on its Website about financial services having a particular performance characteristic. The representation was false or misleading, in contravention of section 12DB(1)(e) of the ASIC Act, because the evidence Chapter Two produced to ASIC demonstrates that Chapter Two has not wiped \$80 million in debt and therefore the representation was false.

Amount payable under this notice

- 3. The amount payable under this notice in relation to the alleged contravention is **\$18,780**. This amount can be paid using the method detailed in the covering letter accompanying this notice.
- 4. The payment period for the notice will be 28 days, beginning on the day after this notice is given, unless the period is extended, an arrangement is made for payment by instalments, or the notice is withdrawn.
- 5. Chapter Two may, in writing, apply to ASIC to have the period in which to pay the amount extended or for an arrangement to pay the amount by instalments.

Consequences of paying the amount payable under this notice

6. If Chapter Two pays the amount stated in this notice within the time for payment mentioned above, then (unless this notice is withdrawn):

- (a) any liability of Chapter Two for the alleged contravention is discharged;
- (b) Chapter Two will not be liable to be prosecuted in a court, and proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order will not be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention of the infringement notice provision; and
- (c) Chapter Two will not be regarded as having contravened the infringement notice provision or having been convicted of an offence constituted by the same conduct.
- 7. Payment of the amount payable under this notice is not an admission of guilt or liability.

Consequences of not paying the amount payable under this notice

- 8. Chapter Two may choose not to pay the amount specified in this notice.
- 9. If Chapter Two does not pay the amount specified in this notice within the time for payment mentioned below, and the notice is not withdrawn, then Chapter Two may be prosecuted in a court, or proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order may be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention of the infringement notice provision.
- 10. The maximum pecuniary penalty that a court may order Chapter Two to pay for the alleged contravention is the greatest of:
 - a) **\$15,650,000**; and
 - b) if the Court can determine the benefit derived and detriment avoided because of the contravention that amount multiplied by 3; and
 - c) either:
 - i. 10% of annual turnover of the body corporate for the 12-month period ending at the end of the month in which the body corporate contravened, or began to contravene, the civil penalty provision;
 - ii. if the amount worked out under subparagraph (i) is greater than an amount equal to **\$687.5 million**.
- 11. The maximum criminal penalty that a court may order Chapter Two to pay for the alleged contravention is **\$626,000**.

Applying for more time to pay the amount payable under this notice

- 12. ASIC may at its discretion extend the time to pay the amount payable under this notice if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.
- 13. If Chapter Two wishes to apply for an extension of time to pay the amount specified in this notice, Chapter Two must do so in writing within 28 days after the day the notice is issued (see paragraph 20)

Applying to pay the amount payable under the notice by instalment

- 14. ASIC may at its discretion make an arrangement for Chapter Two to pay the amount payable by instalments if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.
- 15. If Chapter Two wishes to apply for an arrangement to pay the amount payable under the infringement notice by instalments, Chapter Two must do so in writing within 28 days after the day the notice is issued to you (see paragraph 20).

Applying to have this notice withdrawn

16. Within 28 days after the day on which this notice is given, Chapter Two may apply to have this notice withdrawn by making written representations to ASIC (see paragraph 20).

Withdrawal of this notice

- 17. ASIC may at its discretion, by written notice given to Chapter Two, withdraw this notice if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, whether or not Chapter Two has applied to have this notice withdrawn (withdrawal notice).
- 18. If the withdrawal notice is given after Chapter Two has paid the amount specified in this notice, ASIC will refund to Chapter Two the amount paid under the notice.
- 19. If the notice is withdrawn, then Chapter Two may be prosecuted in a court, or proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order may be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention of the infringement notice provision.

Requirements for applications

- 20. An application to have this notice withdrawn, for more time to pay the amount payable under this notice or to pay by instalments:
 - a) must be in writing;
 - b) must include the unique identification code set out at the top of this notice;
 - c) must include your reasons for making the application; and
 - d) may be made by forwarding your application to ASIC at the address in paragraph 21.
- 21. You may contact ASIC in relation to this notice by contacting:

Tom O'Shea Australian Securities and Investments Commission GPO Box 9827 BRISBANE QLD 4000 or by email: <u>ACLInfringementNotices@asic.gov.au</u>

Tom O'Shea as a delegate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Annexure A

