

ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

INTERIM CEASE TRADE ORDER

Citation: Re CatalX CTS Ltd., 2023 ABASC 167

Date: 20231221

CatalX CTS Ltd. (operating as Catalyx) and Jae Ho Lee (the Respondents)

Background

1. Staff (**Staff**) of the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**) have commenced an investigation respecting CatalX CTS Ltd. (operating as Catalyx) (**Catalyx**) and associated parties (the **Investigation**).
2. On the evening of December 21, 2023, Staff sought and were granted an urgent Commission hearing to consider an application for an interim order pursuant to sections 33 and 198 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (**the Act**). A hearing was held via videoconference.
3. Staff's application was made with informal notice to counsel for the Respondent Catalyx, and no notice to the Respondent, Jae Ho Lee (**Lee**). Counsel for the Respondent Catalyx participated in the hearing.
4. Given the exigent circumstances, and in accordance with section 2.3 of ASC Rule 15-501 *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Commission Proceedings*, Staff's request to waive or vary the Commission's ordinary procedures to apply for an interim order by Notice of Hearing was granted by the panel.
5. Staff sought an interim order pursuant to sections 33 and 198(1) of the Act that for a period of 15 days, the Respondents must cease trading in or purchasing any securities or derivatives.
6. The Commission received and has considered the *viva voce* and documentary evidence submitted by Staff and the submissions made by both Staff and the Respondent, Catalyx.
7. The Commission notes that counsel for the Respondent Catalyx, has consented to the order sought by Staff; the Respondent Jae Ho Lee was not present.

Order

8. Considering that the length of time required to conduct a hearing or trial and render a decision could be prejudicial to the public interest and that it is in the public interest to make this order, the Commission orders under sections 33(1) and 198(1) of the Act that:
 - (a) the Respondents must cease trading in or purchasing any securities or derivatives; and
 - (b) until a Notice of Hearing arising from the Investigation is issued, all evidence

admitted at the hearing of Staff's application must remain confidential and must not be divulged except in accordance with section 45 of the Act.

9. Pursuant to section 33(2)(b) of the Act, this order takes effect immediately and expires at 10:30 p.m. (MST) on January 5, 2024 unless extended by the Commission.

December 21, 2023

For the Commission:

"original signed by"

Tom Cotter

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Kari Horn