

Citation: 2020 BCSECCOM 146

Notice of Hearing

Lei Qiao

Section 161 of the Securities Act, RSBC 1996, c. 418

¶ 1 The British Columbia Securities Commission (Commission) will hold a hearing (Hearing) at which the Executive Director will tender evidence, make submissions and apply for orders against Lei Qiao (Qiao) under sections 161, 162 and 174 of the *Securities Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 418 (the Act), based on the following facts:

Summary

- 1. Qiao provided false information in records required to be filed under the Act, as part of two separate applications for reactivation of his registration.
- 2. By engaging in the conduct as set out in this Notice of Hearing, Qiao contravened section 168.1(1)(b) of the Act.

Background

- 3. Qiao is a resident of Surrey, British Columbia.
- 4. Qiao was registered under the Act as a mutual fund dealing representative with an investment dealer (Investment Dealer A) from May 7, 2015 until January 5, 2016, the date when Investment Dealer A terminated Qiao for cause.

Misconduct

Providing false information in the first reactivation application

- 5. On August 19, 2016, another investment dealer (Investment Dealer B) submitted a Form 33-109F4 *Registration of Individuals and Review of Permitted Individuals* (the First Form 4) to the National Registration Database (NRD), on Qiao's behalf, to reactivate Qiao's registration as its mutual fund dealing representative.
- 6. Qiao provided information for the First Form 4, and he was ultimately responsible for ensuring that the information in the First Form 4 was true.
- 7. In the First Form 4, Qiao provided false information twice:
 - a) he stated that he had left his previous employment with Investment Dealer A voluntarily, when in fact, he had been dismissed for cause; and
 - b) he listed his termination date as May 2016 when in fact, he had been terminated in January 2016.



Providing false information in the second reactivation application

- 8. On March 16, 2017, another investment dealer (Investment Dealer C) submitted a Form 4 (the Second Form 4) to the NRD, on Qiao's behalf, to reactivate Qiao's registration as a mutual fund dealing representative.
- 9. Qiao provided information for the Second Form 4, and he was ultimately responsible for ensuring that the information in the Second Form 4 was true.
- 10. In the Second Form 4, Qiao provided false information that he had left his previous employment with Investment Dealer A voluntarily, when in fact, he had been dismissed for cause.

Hearing Process

- ¶ 2 The Respondents or their counsel are required to attend at the 12th Floor Hearing Room, 701 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, on June 17, 2020, at 9 a.m. if they wish to be heard before the Commission sets a date for the Hearing. Relevant information gathered by Commission Staff in the investigation of this matter will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request to the Executive Director.
- ¶ 3 Peter J. Brady Executive Director