#### In the Matter of

# The FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT (RSBC 1996, c. 141)

(the "Act")

and

### The INSURANCE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

("Council")

and

#### FS FINANCIAL STRATEGIES SERVICES INC.

(the "Agency")

and

#### **HOOMAN ADJUDANI**

(the "Nominee")

## DECISION AND ORDER UNDER SECTIONS 231 & 238 OF THE ACT

WHEREAS the Agency and the Nominee currently hold life and accident and sickness insurance licences in accordance with the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 6, 2017, the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "BCSC") ordered that several persons (the "Respondents"), which included the Agency, cease trading in or be prohibited from purchasing any securities, and be prohibited from engaging in investor relations activities;

**AND WHEREAS** the BCSC order stated that the Respondents have raised approximately \$36 million from over 300 investors; the BCSC attempted to stop the capital raising through undertakings with three of the Respondents; and the order is required to stop the Respondents from raising money while the BCSC completes its investigation;

**AND WHEREAS** the BCSC order stated that four months after the aforementioned undertakings were signed in December 2014, a new entity was incorporated in Alberta by two of the Respondents, and another \$16 million was raised by the Respondents from 105 investors, 101 of whom were from British Columbia;

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**AND WHEREAS** the Nominee, while not named in the BCSC order, has been the nominee of the Agency throughout the material time, and is responsible under Council Rules for all activities of the Agency;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has determined that to allow the Agency and the Nominee to continue to hold insurance licences in light of the allegations under investigation by the BCSC and its aforementioned order would not be in the public's best interest and would undermine the public's confidence in the insurance industry;

**AND WHEREAS** Council considers the length of time it would take to address this matter through an intended decision, pursuant to section 231 of the Act, would be detrimental to the due administration of the Act and the public's best interest;

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to sections 231 and 238 of the Act, Council orders that the life and accident and sickness insurance licences held by the Agency and the Nominee are suspended effective the date of this order and until such time as the BCSC has completed its investigation of the Agency, and the matter has subsequently been considered by Council.

**TAKE NOTICE** that, pursuant to section 238 of the Act, the Agency and the Nominee have the right to require a hearing on this order before Council by delivering written notice within 14 days of receipt of this order to Council at Suite 300, 1040 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4H1; alternatively, the Agency and the Nominee may appeal this order to the Financial Services Tribunal.

Dated in Vancouver, British Columbia, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2017.

Chairperson, Insurance Council of British Columbia

#### Hooman Adjudani

On February 23, 2017, the Insurance Council of British Columbia (`Council`) issued an order, pursuant to section 238 of the *Financial Institutions Act*, suspending Mr. Adjudani`s life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence, pending the outcome of a hearing by the British Columbia Securities Commission. Mr. Adjudani subsequently advised Council that he has been without the authorization to represent at least one insurance company since February 23, 2017.

In accordance with section 7(16) of Council Rules, as Mr. Adjudani has not been in compliance with Council Rule 7(16)(a), his life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence was automatically terminated in accordance with Council Rule 7(16)(d), effective April 16, 2017.

Consequently, as Mr. Adjudani no longer has a life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence, Council's order, dated February 23, 2017, is no longer applicable as Mr. Adjudani does not have an insurance licence to suspend. Before Mr. Adjudani can engage in any insurance activities in British Columbia, he must first submit an application for an insurance agent licence to Council.

#### FS Financial Strategies Services Inc.

On February 23, 2017, the Insurance Council of British Columbia ("Council") issued an order, pursuant to section 238 of the *Financial Institutions Act* (the "Act"), suspending FS Financial Strategies Services Inc.'s life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence, pending the outcome of a hearing by the British Columbia Securities Commission.

On May 31, 2017, FS Financial Strategies Services Inc.'s life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence was terminated in accordance with Council Rule 7(16).

As FS Financial Strategies Services Inc. no longer holds a life and accident and sickness insurance agent licence, Council's aforementioned order under section 238 of the Act is no longer applicable.