

FINAL NOTICE

To: Lada Trade Centre Limited

Of: 469 Pinkston Road Port Dundas Glasgow G21 1 HU FSA

Reference Number: **313793**

Date: 12 August 2008

TAKE NOTICE: The Financial Services Authority of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS ("the FSA") gives you, Lada Trade Centre Limited ("Lada"), final notice about a decision to cancel the permission granted to Lada to carry on regulated activities

1. THE ACTION

- 1.1 The FSA gave Lada a Decision Notice on 10 July 2008 (the "Decision Notice") which notified it that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 45 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Act"), the FSA had decided to cancel the permission granted to Lada pursuant to Part IV of the Act ("Lada's Part IV permission").
- 1.2 Lada has not referred the matter to the Financial Services and Markets Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was given to it. Accordingly, the FSA has today cancelled Lada's Part IV permission.

2. **REASONS FOR THE ACTION**

No Regulated Activities

- 2.1 By a First Supervisory Notice dated 15 May 2008, Lada's Part IV permission was varied by removing all regulated activities with immediate effect and by including a requirement on it to notify all of its clients for regulated activities that it was no longer permitted by the FSA to carry on regulated activities. A copy of the First Supervisory Notice, by which the FSA removed all regulated activities from Lada's Part IV permission, is displayed on the FSA's web site.
- 2.2 On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in its Warning Notice dated 15 May 2008 (the "Warning Notice"), and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the FSA that it is no longer necessary to keep Lada's Part IV permission in force and that the FSA must cancel it, following the variation action removing all regulated activities.

Repeated failure to submit Retail Mediation Activities Returns ("RMAR") promptly and failure to comply with a Settlement Agreement

- 2.3 In addition to its obligation to cancel Lada's Part IV permission, the FSA also considers that cancellation of Lada's Part IV permission is necessary for the following reasons.
- 2.4 The FSA has concluded, on the basis of the facts and matters described below, that Lada is failing to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Act (the "Threshold Conditions") in that the FSA is not satisfied that Lada is a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances, including the need to ensure that its business is conducted soundly and prudently as required by Threshold Condition 5 (Suitability).
- 2.5 Specifically, Lada has repeatedly failed to submit RMARs promptly, including its most recent RMAR for the period ended 31 January 2008 which remains outstanding, and has been referred to the FSA's Enforcement Division on three other occasions for this failing. In addition, Lada has breached the terms of a formal agreement it entered into with the FSA on 18 September 2007 under which it agreed to apply to cancel its Part IV permission if it failed to submit its next four RMARs on time. Lada failed to submit on time the first RMAR which fell due after the agreement, but failed to apply to cancel its permission. Lada has not been open and co-operative in all its dealings with the FSA by failing to respond adequately to the FSA's communications, and has thereby failed to comply with Principle 11 of the FSA's Principles for Businesses and to satisfy the FSA that it is ready, willing and organised to comply with the requirements and standards under the regulatory system.
- 2.6 These failures, which are significant in the context of Lada's suitability, lead the FSA to conclude that Lada is not conducting its business soundly and prudently and in compliance with proper standards and that it is not a fit and proper person, and that Lada is therefore failing to satisfy the Threshold Conditions in relation to the regulated activities which were in its Part IV permission.

3. DECISION MAKER

The decision which gave rise to the obligation to issue this Final Notice was taken by the Regulatory Decisions Committee.

4. IMPORTANT

4.1 This Final Notice is given to you in accordance with section 390 (1) of the Act.

Publicity

- 4.2 Sections 391(4), 391(6) and 391(7) of the Act apply to the publication of information about the matter to which this Notice relates. Under those provisions, the FSA must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the FSA considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the FSA considers appropriate. However, the FSA may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the FSA, be unfair to you or prejudicial to the interests of consumers.
- 4.3 The FSA intends to publish this Final Notice and such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

FSA contacts

4.4 For more information concerning this matter generally, you should contact Lehong Mac at the FSA (direct line: 020 7066 5742/fax: 020 7066 5743).

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