

3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 250 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 (702) 486-4120

# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

1830 E College Parkway, Suite 100 Carson City, Nevada 89706 (775) 684-2970

In Re:	)
Prime Trust, LLC	)
	Respondent )

ORDER MODIFYING CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATIONS OF NRS 669; NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

Pursuant to the Order of the Eight Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, Department XXII, Case No. A-23-872963-B, dated July 14, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" (the "Court Order"), the State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division's ("NFID") prior Order to Cease and Desist from Violations of NRS 669, dated June 21, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "2" (the "NFID Order"), is hereby modified, but only to the extent that the Receiver, identified and empowered by that Court Order, commences and assumes his roles and responsibilities in fulfillment of that Court Order, and for any duration of time that he remains Receiver thereunder (the "Time Period of Receiver Administration").

For the Time Period of Receiver Administration, the Receiver is permitted to operate Prime Trust, LLC consistently with that Court Order, in fulfillment of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 669, including NFID's associated statutes and regulations, and without regard to any of the contrary prohibitions otherwise contained in that NFID Order.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2023.

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

By:

Sandy O'Laughlin Commissioner

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE				
2	I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and				
3	Industry, Financial Institutions Division, and that on July 14, 2023, I deposited in the U.S.				
4	mail, postage prepaid, via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and				
5	correct copy of the foregoing ORDER MODIFYING CEASE AND DESIST FROM				
6	VIOLATIONS OF NRS CHAPTER 669; NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING, addressed as				
7	follows:				
8	Matth our Calterna n				
9	Matthew Saltzman Saltman Mugan Dushoff 1835 Village Center Circle Las Vegas, NV 89134 Certified Mail: 7019 1120 0000 3407 8799				
10					
11					
12	Jor Law				
13	Prime Trust 330 S Rampart Blvd, Suite 260 Las Vegas, NV 89145 Certified Mail: 7019 1120 0000 3407 8775				
14					
15					
16	DATED this 14 day of July 2023.				
17					
18	By:				
19					
20					
21					

## EXHIBIT "1"

#### ELECTRONICALLY SERVED 7/14/2023 11:05 AM

Electronically Filed 07/14/2023 11:03 AM
Hems . Finis
CLERK OF THE COURT

- 1	y court y			
1	ORDR CLERK OF THE COURT			
2	AARON D. FORD Attorney General			
3	MICHAEL DETMER			
4	Chief Deputy Attorney General Nevada Bar No. 10873			
5	555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900			
6	Las Vegas, NV 89101 P: (702) 486-3809			
-532	Email: mdetmer@ag.nv.gov			
7	Attorneys for the Financial Institutions Division			
8	THE STATE OF MENT AND STATE OF MENT OF			
9	IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA			
10	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA			
11	SANDY O'LAUGHLIN, in her capacity as ) Case No. A-23-872963-B			
12	Commissioner of the State of Nevada, ) Department of Business and Industry, ) Dept. No. XXII			
13	Department of Business and Industry, ) Dept. No. XXII Financial Institutions Division, )			
14	Petitioner, )			
15	)			
16	vs. )			
17	PRIME CORE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,			
18	PRIME TRUST, LLC, PRIME IRA, LLC, ) PRIME DIGITAL LLC, )			
19	Respondent.			
20	Respondent.			
	PROPOSED ORDER 2			
21	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE; INJUNCTION; ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER PENDING FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT; ORDER TO PRESERVE ASSETS			
22	OF RESPONDENT			
23				
24	On June 26, 2023, Petitioner Sandy O'Laughlin, Commissioner ("Commissioner") of			
25	the Financial Institutions Division ("Division"), State of Nevada filed in this Court a			
26	Petition for Appointment of Receiver, Temporary Injunction, and other Permanent Relies			
27	("Petition") for PRIME CORE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., and/or any of its subsidiaries or			
28	entities related thereto including PRIME TRUST, LLC, PRIME IRA, LLC, and/or PRIME			

Page 1 of 4

DIGITAL, LLC, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "PRIME") initiating this proceeding. As part of the Petition, the Commissioner requested temporary and/or permanent injunctions ("Motion") to enjoin PRIME from engaging in retail trust company business.

Pending permanent orders of the Court, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 2. Except as provided by Paragraph 1, and except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of the receivership ordered herein, PRIME, PRIME's officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, and their corporations, subsidiaries, divisions, or affiliates, and all investors, creditors, stockholders, lessors, customers and other persons seeking to establish or enforce any claim, right, or interest against or on behalf of PRIME, and all others acting for or on behalf of such persons, are hereby enjoined from taking action that would interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Assets or Documents of PRIME, including, but not limited to:
  - a. filing or assisting in the filing of a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, <u>11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.</u>, or of any similar insolvency proceeding on behalf of the Receivership Entities;

- b. commencing, prosecuting, or continuing a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Receivership Entities, including the issuance or employment of process against the Receivership Entities, except that such actions may be commenced if necessary to toll any applicable statute of limitations; and
- c. filing or enforcing any lien on any asset of PRIME, taking or attempting to take possession, custody, or control of any Asset of PRIME; or attempting to foreclose, forfeit, alter, or terminate any interest in any Asset of PRIME, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding, are acts of self-help, or otherwise.

→Provided, however, that this Order does not stay: (1) the commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding; (2) the commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power; or (3) the enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

- 3. The Receiver is authorized to enter the business and immediately oversee the operation, conservation, rehabilitation, administration, and/or liquidation of the business of PRIME, subject to the terms of this Order and any other pertinent orders of this Court. NRS 669.2846.
- 4. The property of PRIME, including all its assets, books, papers, documents, and records pertaining thereto, which includes, but is not limited to, all of PRIME's accounts, trust, customer, operating, cryptocurrency, or otherwise, and/or its Application Programming Interface ("API") (hereinafter cumulatively referred to "Assets"), are impounded by the Court pending the show-cause hearing. NRS 669.2846.
- 5. All persons other than the Receiver are enjoined from disbursing, committing transferring, substituting, or withdrawing any funds from PRIME's accounts, trust,

customer, operating, cryptocurrency or otherwise, or removing other property from controlled, or owned by PRIME except as expressly directed or approved by the Receiver pending the show-cause hearing. NRS 669.2846.

- 6. PRIME and/or its the officers, directors, stockholders, members, subscribers, managers, agents, employees, and all other persons are enjoined from: (1) wasting or disposing of any assets or property of PRIME, or (2) transacting any further business on behalf of PRIME, except as expressly directed or approved by the Receiver pending the show-cause hearing. NRS 669.2846.
- 7. Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the Assets of PRIME now held by, in the possession or control of, or which may be received by, the Receiver. The Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on the parties periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of entry of this Order. The Receiver shall not increase the hourly rates used as the bases for such fee applications, nor shall the Receiver incur any expenditure in excess of \$500,000 using PRIME's assets, without prior approval of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:

AARON D. FORD Attorney General 910 B0C 581B DA46 Susan Johnson District Court Judge

By: /s/ Michael Detmer\_

MICHAEL DETMER

Chief Deputy Attorney General

Nevada Bar No. 10873

555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900

Las Vegas, NV 89101

#### 1 **CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 5 CASE NO: A-23-872963-B Sandy O'Laughlin, 6 Commissioner of State of NV, DEPT. NO. Department 22 7 Financial Institutions Division, Plaintiff(s) 8 VS. 9 Prime Core Technologies Inc, 10 Defendant(s) 11 12 AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 13 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District 14 Court. The foregoing Order was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all 15 recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 16 Service Date: 7/14/2023 17 Michael Detmer mdetmer@ag.nv.gov 18 mmillam@ag.nv.gov Marilyn Millam 19 Louis Csoka lcsoka@ag.nv.gov 20 Danielle Wright dwright2@ag.nv.gov 21 Candice Korkis candice.korkis@bmo.com 22 23 candice.korkis@bmo.com Candice Korkis 24 Candice Korkis candice.korkis@bmo.com 25 26 27

### EXHIBIT "2"



3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 250 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 (702) 486-4120

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

#### STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

1830 E College Parkway, Suite 100 Carson Cily, Nevada 89706 (775) 684-2970

In Re:	)	
Prime Trust, LLC		ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATIONS OF NRS 669; NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING
F	Respondent. )	~
	<b>\</b>	

#### ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM **VIOLATIONS OF NRS 669**

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division (hereinafter "Division" or "NFID") hereby orders Prime Trust, LLC (hereafter "Respondent") to cease and desist from any and all activities that are in violation of Chapter 669 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC").

#### JURISDICTION

- The business of trust companies in the State of Nevada is governed by Nevada 1. Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 669 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 669.
- 2. The Commissioner has primary jurisdiction for the licensing and regulation of persons operating and/or engaging in trust company business. See NRS 669, including, but not limited to, NRS 657.210, NRS 669.010, NRS 669.130, NRS 669.250, NRS 669.270, and NAC 669.090.
- 3. Pursuant to the authority vested by NRS 669, the Commissioner hereby makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

4

5 6

8

9

7

10

12

11

13 14

15 16

17

18 19

20

2122

2324

252627

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is registered under the laws of the State of Nevada, and its resident agent is Saltzman Mugan Dushoff, PLCC-CRA, located at 1835 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134.
- Respondent operates the business of a trust company at the following location:
   330 South Rampart Boulevard, Suite 260, Las Vegas, Nevada 89145.
- 6. On or about January 26, 2017, Respondent was granted a license pursuant to NRS 669 authorizing Respondent to operate a trust company in the State of Nevada.
- 7. On November 7, 2022, the Division commenced a safety and soundness examination of Respondent.
  - 8. The original examination scope was as of September 30, 2022.
- The examination remains open and ongoing due to NFID expanding the scope of examination and the need to monitor the solvency of the trust company.
- 10. Respondent reported in its March 31, 2023, Nationwide Multistate Licensing System Money Service Business Call Report, a negative \$12,071,508 stockholders' equity position.
- 11. The overall financial condition of Respondent has considerably deteriorated to a critically deficient level, and Respondent is now in position where it is in an unsafe or unsound condition to transact business and/or if it were to continue to operate it would be in an unviable and/or unsafe manner.
- 12. On or about June 21, 2023, Respondent was unable to honor customer withdrawals due to a shortfall of customer funds caused by a significant liability on the Respondent's balance sheet owed to customers.
- 13. Respondent has materially and willfully breached its fiduciary duties to its customers by failing to safeguard assets under its custody and is unable to meet all customer disbursement requests.

28

- 14. Respondent is violating NRS 669.100(1) and/or NRS 669.2825(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (k).
- 15. If any finding of fact is more properly characterized as a conclusion of law, it shall be construed as such.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the findings of fact, the Commissioner finds as follows:

16. NRS 669.100(1) states, "No retail trust company may be organized or operated with a stockholders' equity of less than \$1,000,000, or in such greater amount as may be required by the Commissioner. The full amount of the initial stockholders' equity must be paid in cash, exclusive of all organization expenses, before the trust company is authorized to commence business." Respondent may not operate with a stockholders' equity of less than \$1,000,000. However, as reported in its March 31, 2023, Nationwide Multistate Licensing System Money Service Business Call Report, Respondent is operating with a negative \$12,071,508 stockholders' equity position. As such, Respondent is without the necessary equity required to operate as a Trust company pursuant to NRS 669.100(1).

17. NRS 669.2825(1) states:

1. The Commissioner may institute disciplinary action or forthwith initiate proceedings to take possession of the business and property of any retail trust company when it appears that the retail trust company:

(a) Has violated its charter or any state or federal laws applicable to the business of a trust company.

(b) Is conducting its business in an unauthorized or unsafe manner.

(c) Is in an unsafe or unsound condition to transact its business.

(d) Has an impairment of its stockholders' equity.

(e) Has refused to pay or transfer account assets to its account holders as required by the terms of the accounts' governing instruments.

(f) Has become insolvent.

- (g) Has neglected or refused to comply with the terms of a lawful order of the Commissioner.
- (h) Has refused, upon proper demand, to submit its records, affairs and concerns for inspection and examination of an appointed or authorized examiner of the Commissioner.

(i) Has made a voluntary assignment of its assets to receivers, conservators, trustees or creditors without complying with NRS 669.230.

(j) Has failed to pay a tax as required pursuant to the provisions of <u>chapter</u> 363A or 363C of NRS.

(k) Has materially and willfully breached its fiduciary duties to its customers.

(I) Has failed to properly disclose all fees, interest and other charges to its customers.

- (m) Has willfully engaged in material conflicts of interest regarding a customer's account.
- (n) Has made intentional material misrepresentations regarding any aspect of the services performed or proposed to be performed by the retail trust company.
- 18. Respondent has failed to satisfy the requirements of NRS 669.100(1), which constitutes a violation of NRS 669.2825(1)(a).
- 19. Respondent is operating at a substantial deficit and/or is insolvent and will not be able to satisfy all withdrawals, therefore, Respondent is in an unsafe condition to transact business and/or is insolvent, which violates NRS 669.2825(1)(b), (c), and (f).
- 20. On or about June 21, 2023, Respondent was unable to honor customer withdrawals due to a shortfall of customer funds caused by a significant liability on the Respondent's balance sheet owed to customers. Additionally, Respondent failed to safeguard assets under its custody and is unable to meet all customer withdrawals. As such, Respondent has materially and willfully breached its fiduciary duties to its clients, in violation of NRS 669.2825(1)(k).
- 21. NRS 669.2846(1) states "Whenever the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that any person is violating or is threatening to or intends to violate any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner may, in addition to all actions provided for in this chapter and without prejudice thereto, enter an order requiring the person to desist or to refrain from such violation."
- 22. NRS 669.280(1) states "The violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by the officers or directors, or the managers or members acting in a managerial capacity, of any trust company is sufficient cause for the Commissioner to close the trust company, liquidate its business and revoke its license."
- 23. The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Respondent is violating the provisions of NRS Chapter 669 by operating a trust company in an unauthorized, unsafe manner.

24. Respondent has 30 days after the date of the instant ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATIONS OF NRS 669 ("Order") to request an administrative hearing. The Order shall be deemed final if the Division does not receive a verified petition for a hearing within the time prescribed.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent shall **CEASE AND DESIST** from operating and/or engaging in the trust company business in violation of NRS Chapter 669, specifically NRS 669.100(1) and NRS 669.2825(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (k).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent:

- a. Cease and desist from accepting fiat currency from existing and new clients for custody purposes.
- b. Cease and desist from accepting cryptocurrency from existing and new clients for custody purposes.

DATED this Z/ day of June 2023.

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

By:

Sandy O'Laughlin Commissioner

#### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

RESPONDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING IN THIS MATTER. If you wish to request a hearing, you must file a request within thirty (30) days after this Order to Cease and Desist was served on the Respondent. This Order to Cease and Desist shall be deemed final if the Division does not receive a verified petition for hearing from the Respondent within this prescribed time.

Respondent's request for a hearing must be delivered to:

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 250
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Other important rights you have are listed in Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 669 and 233B and the Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 669.

DATED this 2/3 day of June 2023.

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

Sandy O'Laughilin Commissioner

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division, and that on June 21, 2023, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATIONS OF NRS CHAPTER 669; NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING, addressed as follows:

Matthew Saltzman
Saltman Mugan Dushoff
1835 Village Center Circle
Las Vegas, NV 89134
Certified Mail: 7019 1120 0000 3407 8744

Jor Law Prime Trust 330 S Rampart Blvd, Suite 260 Las Vegas, NV 89145 Certified Mail: 7019 1120 0000 3407 8751

DATED this 21 day of June 2023.

By: HWan