

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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Plaintiff,)	Criminal No. 18-cr-53 (KBJ)
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v.)	
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MH PILLARS LTD., doing business as PAYZA,)	
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FIROZ PATEL,)	
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and)	
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FERHAN PATEL,)	
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Defendants.)	
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. On August 17, 2020, United States District Court for the District Court of Columbia entered an Consent Final Order of Forfeiture (“Forfeiture Order”) condemning and forfeiting to the United States of America the following items of property:

14-ICE-000102	\$4,000,100.00 in Payza funds seized on or about November 13, 2013
14-CBP-000568	\$100,000 of Payza funds seized on or about February 2014
18-CBP-000521	\$250,359.45 of Payza funds seized on or about June 2016
18-CBP-000523	All funds restrained on or about June 2017 in the United Kingdom from accounts at HSBC Bank related to Payza in the name of Damaras Limited
18-CBP-000524	All funds restrained on or about December 2016 in the United Kingdom from accounts at Global Reach Partners related to Payza in the name of Damaras Limited
19-CBP-000623	\$270,000 of Payza funds seized on or about April 2019

A copy of the Order is attached.

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(l) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(6)(A), the United States is required to send notice of a forfeiture order to any person who reasonably appears to be a potential claimant with standing to contest the forfeiture in an ancillary proceeding. The United States has assessed that no such claimant exists here.

3. Another process exists for the recovery of funds. You may file a Petition for Remission or Mitigation of the forfeited property within 30 days of your receipt of this Notice. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 9.4(e), a Petition for Remission or Mitigation shall be:

(a) addressed to the Attorney General;

(b) sworn to by the petitioner or by the petitioner's attorney upon information and belief, supported by the client's sworn notice of representation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 9.9(g); and

(c) submitted:

Via email to: USADC.OBOPAYZA@usdoj.gov

If unable to email, please send a copy to:

AUSA Arvind Lal
U.S. Attorney's Office
555 Fourth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20530

4. A Petition for Remission or Mitigation must include the information listed in 28 C.F.R. § 9.4(c). A copy of 28 C.F.R. § 9.4 is attached along with a sample Petition for Remission or Mitigation.

5. Please also send a copy of any Petition for Remission or Mitigation to:

Victim Coordinator c/o Jason Burton
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
2675 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 400
Fairfax, VA 20598

Please also email the Petition for Remission or Mitigation to:

Deanna.Wallace@ice.dhs.gov

9. The authority to grant a Petition for Remission or Mitigation rests solely with the Chief of the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section of the Department of Justice. The United States District Court has no role in the remission or mitigation process.

10. The U.S. government is unable to offer legal advice to potential claimants; however we provide certain background information about the claims/petition process. If you have such questions, please contact Mega Victim Case Assistance Program (MCAP) at 844-527-5299 (toll free) or USAEO.MCAP@usdoj.gov

Enclosures:

Forfeiture Order
Model Petition for Remission or Mitigation and Declaration
Copy of 28 C.F.R. § 9.4

Date: August 25, 2020