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Securities Commission

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Investor Alert for GoldBachInvest

Halifax - The Nova Scotia Securities Commission is alerting investors that GoldBachInvest (<u>www.goldbachinvest.com</u>) is not registered to engage in the business of trading in securities or derivatives in Nova Scotia.

GoldBachInvest claims to be the world's most popular trading platform providing investors with access to stocks, indices, crypto, foreign exchange, commodities, and other financial instruments. It also claims to be an award-winning broker registered and located in the Marshall Islands.

At least one Nova Scotia resident lost money after investing with GoldBachInvest. Requests for withdrawals and return of funds were ignored. After the investor ceased contact with GoldBachInvest, GoldBachInvest still managed to obtain more money from the investor's bank account.

Online searches also suggest GoldBachInvest is a scam.

"Protect your financial well-being by taking the time to become informed," says Stephanie Atkinson, Director of Enforcement for the Commission. "Investing in unregistered entities can be high-risk given they are not subject to the same investor protection requirements as those who are registered. When opening accounts with these entities, you are also generally required to provide intimate personal and financial details. Providing this type of information to fraudsters puts you at risk for further financial harm."

The Commission urges Nova Scotians to exercise extreme caution when dealing with unregistered entities. It is illegal to solicit investments in Nova Scotia without registering with the Commission and complying with Nova Scotia securities laws, unless an exemption applies. To see if a person or company is registered, you can check the Canadian Securities Administrators' <u>National Registration Search</u>.

Contact your <u>local securities regulator</u> to report investment scams or what you believe to be suspicious behaviour from anyone offering investment opportunities. In Nova Scotia, the <u>Commission</u> is the provincial government agency responsible for regulating the investment industry in the province.

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