

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

August 18, 2023

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Re: Oracle Corporation (the "Company")

Incoming letter dated August 18, 2023

Dear Sarah K. Solum:

This letter is in regard to your correspondence concerning the shareholder proposal (the "Proposal") submitted to the Company by Change Finance, P.B.C. (the "Proponent") for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting of security holders. Your letter indicates that the Proponent has withdrawn the Proposal and that the Company therefore withdraws its July 7, 2023 request for a no-action letter from the Division. Because the matter is now moot, we will have no further comment.

Copies of all of the correspondence related to this matter will be made available on our website at https://www.sec.gov/corpfin/2022-2023-shareholder-proposals-no-action.

Sincerely,

Rule 14a-8 Review Team

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RE: Oracle Corporation

Stockholder Proposal Submitted by Change Finance, P.B.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Oracle Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("*Oracle*" or the "*Company*"), and in accordance with Rule 14a-8(j) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), we are submitting this letter with respect to the stockholder proposal (the "*Proposal*") submitted by Change Finance, P.B.C. (the "*Proponent*"), by a letter dated May 25, 2023, for inclusion in the proxy materials the Company intends to distribute in connection with its 2023 annual meeting of stockholders (the "*2023 Proxy Materials*"). A copy of the Proposal and its supporting statement is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, and all relevant correspondence with the Proponent is attached hereto as *Exhibit B*.

The Company intends to exclude the Proposal from the 2023 Proxy Materials and hereby respectfully requests confirmation that the Staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "*Staff*") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") will not recommend any enforcement action if, in reliance on Rule 14a-8, the Company omits the Proposal in its entirety from the 2023 Proxy Materials.

In accordance with Section C of Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14D (Nov. 7, 2008) ("SLB 14D"), we are submitting this letter and its attachments via e-mail to the Staff at shareholderpoposals@sec.gov. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j), this letter is being submitted to the Commission no later than 80 calendar days before the Company intends to file its definitive 2023 Proxy Materials. This letter constitutes the Company's statement of the reasons it deems the omission of the Proposal from the 2023 Proxy Materials to be proper.

In accordance with Rule 14a-8(j), we are simultaneously sending a copy of this letter and its attachments to the Proponent. Rule 14a-8(k) and Section E of SLB 14D provide that shareholder proponents are required to send companies a copy of any correspondence that the shareholder proponent elects to submit to the Commission or the Staff. Accordingly, we are taking this opportunity to remind the



Proponent that if the Proponent submits correspondence to the Commission or the Staff with respect to the Proposal, a copy of that correspondence should concurrently be furnished to the Company.

THE PROPOSAL

The Proposal sets forth the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Shareholders request the Board commission a third-party independent report assessing human rights and privacy concerns with the Company's proposed national health records database project. The report should be prepared within one year of the annual meeting, at reasonable cost and excluding proprietary and privileged information.

BASES FOR EXCLUSION

The Company believes that the Proposal may be properly omitted from 2023 Proxy Materials pursuant to:

- 1. Rule 14a-8(i)(3), because it is so vague and indefinite as to be inherently misleading; and
- 2. Rule 14a-8(i)(7), because it deals with a matter relating to the Company's ordinary business operations.

ANALYSIS

- I. The Proposal may be excluded pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because it is so vague and indefinite as to be inherently misleading.
 - A. A proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) if it is so vague and indefinite that neither stockholders nor the company is able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the proposal requires.

A shareholder proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) if the proposal is "so vague and indefinite that neither the stockholders voting on the proposal, nor the company in implementing the proposal (if adopted), would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the proposal requires." See Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (Sep. 15, 2004) ("SLB 14B"). A proposal may be so vague and indefinite as to be materially misleading when the "meaning and application of terms and conditions . . . in the proposal would have to be made without guidance from the proposal and would be subject to differing interpretations" such that "any action ultimately taken by the [c]ompany upon implementation [of the proposal] could be significantly different from the actions envisioned by shareholders voting on the proposal." See Fuqua Industries, Inc. (Mar. 12, 1991). The courts have also ruled on cases involving similar proposals, finding that "shareholders are entitled to know precisely the breadth of the proposal on which they are asked to vote" and that a proposal should be excluded when "it [would be] impossible for either the board of directors or the stockholders at large to comprehend precisely what the proposal would entail." New York City Employees' Retirement System v. Brunswick



Corp., 789 F. Supp. 144, 146 (S.D.N.Y. 1992); Dyer v. Securities and Exchange Comm'n, 287 F.2d 773, 781 (8th Cir. 1961).

B. The Proposal is so vague and indefinite that it would be impossible for the Company's stockholders to know what they are voting on and for the Company to know how to implement the Proposal.

The Proposal is impermissibly vague and indefinite for two reasons, which taken together compound the vagueness. First, the Proposal refers to a development-stage Oracle project whose characteristics and features, as well as the timing of a potential launch, are uncertain and may not be determined by the time the report requested by the Proposal would be required. Second, the Proposal's use of vague and undefined terms would preclude the Company's stockholders from understanding the request and, if the Proposal is approved, would preclude the Company from knowing how to implement it.

It is also important to note that the Proposal is based on the flawed assumption that the Company owns or asserts any rights to use individual patient health information. As discussed below, the Company's healthcare business services institutions such as hospital systems rather than individual customers, and the Company does not own or assert the right to use individual patient health information other than as instructed by its customers.

 The Proposal requests a report assessing a Company product or service that is in preliminary stages of development. As a consequence, it would be impossible for the Company's stockholders to know what they are voting on and for the Company to know how to implement the Proposal.

The Proposal requests a report "assessing human rights and privacy concerns with the Company's proposed national health records database project." Proposal at ¶ 6. In the accompanying supporting statement, the Proponent references a video clip of Lawrence J. Ellison, the Company's Chairman and Chief Technology Officer, discussing the Company's technological capacity to build a unified national health records database that would aggregate healthcare records contained in the fragmented databases currently used by individual hospital systems (the "*Healthcare Records Pipeline Project*"). Proposal at ¶ 1; see also Oracle Corporation, *Oracle Live in 5: The Future of Healthcare* | *HIGHLIGHTS*, YouTube (June 15, 2022), https://youtu.be/8hCvvJz-yGs.

Although the Company is working toward the goal of making the vision discussed in this video clip a reality, the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project is in the preliminary stages of the Company's product development pipeline. As with any other Company pipeline project, the details of the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project are and will remain subject to change based on a wide variety of commercial, technical and other considerations as the Company's dynamic and iterative product development process continues. Further, as with any other product development initiative, the timing, development and ultimate characteristics of a fully realized commercial product from the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project are subject to uncertainty and the possibility of significant changes in the development process.



The Proponent itself acknowledges that the details necessary for a clear understanding of the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project, and consequently for an understanding of the subject matter of the requested assessment of the "proposed national health records database project," are currently unknown. Proposal at ¶ 6 (emphasis added). The supporting statement accompanying the Proposal references the Company's "plans to develop" the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project and notes that details about "timeline, price tag and outside access" have not been released. Proposal at ¶ 1. In a tacit admission that the concrete details necessary to understand (and muster any specific objection to) the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project are unavailable, the Proponent falls back on a wide variety of highly speculative potential harms, including the possibility that the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project "could be used to capture and store Americans' private medical data;" concerns regarding "potential privacy and human rights violations . . . that may be caused by the use and abuse of the database;" the possibility that the project "could exacerbate geographic or demographic health inequities;" the possibility that "advertisers could potentially use the data to target vulnerable individuals;" the possibility that "information related to maternal or reproductive healthcare could be obtained without judicial oversight from the database by state agencies or third parties for law enforcement purposes;" and the possibility that "a nationwide central database *could* become a backdoor into *other issues.*" *Id.* at ¶¶ 7, 4, 7 (emphasis added).

As these speculative assertions reflect, the actual impacts the Proposal would seek to assess would depend entirely on the design and implementation of a product or service that remains in development and about which limited information is available. Absent more detailed and concrete information about what actual features and characteristics a product or service growing from the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project might actually have—information that the Proponent acknowledges is unavailable—the Company and its stockholders would be left wondering what exactly the Proposal would seek to assess. As a result, any meaningful assessment of "human rights and privacy concerns" regarding the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project would require an assessor to make assumptions about highly complex commercial, technical and legal features and characteristics that remain in development and are subject to change.

For example, the Proponent notes a concern about the process by which the Company might obtain informed consent from patients to use their health information, referencing (without attribution) reports that "Larry Ellison 'said this new system will only have anonymous information until individual patients give consent," and states that "the Company has not articulated a strategy for obtaining informed consent." Proposal at ¶ 3. These statements reflect the inherent vagueness of the Proposal's request to assess a pipeline project that continues to evolve and whose parameters have not been publicly disclosed. First, the Proponent's assertion that the Company would be required to obtain individual patients' consent in connection with the project may not be true. The Company's healthcare business services hospital systems and other institutions, not individual customers, and the Company does not own or assert any rights to use individual patient health information other than as instructed by its customers. Data privacy and other laws and regulations governing the healthcare industry and patient information—including regulations governing electronic health data transmissions, the processing of patient information, healthcare fraud and healthcare information sharing—are complex and evolving, and it is not clear that individual consents would actually be required for certain uses of patient data. Second, even if it were necessary to obtain individuals' informed consent in connection with such use, the design



of any process to obtain such consent would implicate a broad range of highly detailed and complex commercial, technical, regulatory and risk considerations that would depend in large part on the uses to which such data would be put and would necessarily evolve over the product development process as potential product features and characteristics were advanced, iterated on or abandoned and as technical standards and regulatory requirements changed. See generally Oracle Corp., Annual Report (Form 10-K) (June 20, 2023) (the "2023 Annual Report") at 24. And yet a third-party rapporteur performing the assessment requested by the Proposal would be forced to ignore this dynamic and complex analysis and assume into existence the types and uses to which health data would be put, the data processing practices and policies the Company would implement to effect such use, the consents necessary to put such data to such use, the processes by which such consents would be obtained and the extent and character of Company oversight of such matters. In this way, the Proposal is simultaneously overly vague and overly prescriptive—and inherently confusing to the Company and its stockholders. As the above example demonstrates, the Proposal fails to resolve this ambiguity, and stockholders, like any such rapporteur, are consequently left to speculate—likely to differing conclusions—about what hypothetical features and characteristics any fully realized products or services growing from the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project would entail.

Furthermore, while the supporting statement in the Proposal suggests a variety of areas for the report to consider, it is not clear whether any of those areas would actually be implicated by the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project because of its preliminary nature and the Company's indirect role in the processing of patient health information. As noted above, unlike other healthcare information technology ("IT") providers, the Company provides tools for healthcare providers to conduct their operations, including for the management of patient health information, but does not itself own or assert any rights to use individual patient health information other than as instructed by its customers—both because this role does not lend itself to such ownership and because the complex healthcare and privacy regulations governing the Company and its healthcare customers generally restrict the use or disclosure of patient health information. As a result, the Company has limited insight into the uses to which its customers put the data that they store and process with Oracle products and services, and it is not clear that an assessment of the type contemplated by the Proposal would even be feasible in light of these limitations. The Proposal fails to provide any guidance as to how the requested report could surmount these limitations and implies that the Company has greater insight into its customers' activities than its indirect and circumscribed role actually provides. This misalignment and fundamental lack of understanding underscores the Proposal's vagueness and further demonstrates that it would be impossible for the Company's stockholders to determine precisely the breadth of the ordinary business matter on which they would be asked to vote.

As a result of these significant and unresolved ambiguities, stockholders asked to vote on the Proposal would be unable to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly the subject matter of the requested report, and the Company would be unable to determine how to implement the Proposal to the satisfaction of stockholders if the Proposal were approved. The Proposal is consequently so vague and indefinite as to be inherently misleading, and it may be properly omitted from the 2023 Proxy Materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(3).



2. The Proposal's failure to define key terms renders it so vague and indefinite that it would be impossible for the Company's stockholders to know what they were voting on and for the Company to know how to implement the Proposal.

In addition to focusing on a development-stage project whose features and characteristics are subject to ongoing development and about which limited information is available, the Proposal fails to clarify what it means by "human rights and privacy concerns." A clear understanding of the meaning of each of these terms is essential to an understanding of precisely what the report requested by the Proposal would assess, and the Proposal's failure to explain these terms renders the Proposal so vague and indefinite that neither the stockholders voting on the Proposal, nor the Company in implementing the proposal (if adopted), would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the Proposal requires. See SLB 14B.

The Staff has consistently concurred that proposals may be excluded as vague and indefinite when they fail to define key terms necessary for shareholders and companies to understand them. For example, in Walt Disney Co. (Jan. 19, 2022), the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a shareholder proposal that requested a prohibition on communications with vague and undefined "politically charged biases" or "political polemics." Similarly, in Apple Inc. (Dec. 6, 2019), the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a proposal seeking to "improve [the] guiding principles of executive compensation" because the proposal "lack[ed] sufficient description about the changes, actions or ideas for the [c]ompany and its shareholders to consider that would potentially improve the guiding principles," and in eBay Inc. (Apr. 10, 2019), the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a proposal requesting that the company "reform" its executive compensation committee without clarifying what reforms it sought. Further, in Alcoa, Inc. (Dec. 24, 2002), the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal that sought to commit the company to implementation of International Labor Organization human rights conventions but did not identify or summarize those standards. Likewise, in Moody's Corp. (Feb. 10, 2014), the Staff concurred in excluding a proposal when the terms "ESG" and "ESG risk assessments" were not defined; in Boeing Co. (Mar. 2, 2011), the Staff concurred in exclusion of a proposal because it failed to "sufficiently explain the meaning of 'executive pay rights"; in NSTAR (Jan. 5, 2007), the Staff concurred in exclusion of a proposal requesting standards of "record keeping of financial records" as inherently vague and indefinite because the terms "record keeping" and "financial records" were undefined; and in Johnson & Johnson (Feb. 7, 2003), the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal requesting a report on progress concerning a "Glass Ceiling" Commission Report" and recommendations "flowing from it" as inherently vague and indefinite because such terms were undefined.

Like these examples, the Proposal fails to clarify what "human rights and privacy concerns" should be assessed, and the supporting statement accompanying the Proposal fails to define any specific standards or criteria by which such concerns would be assessed. Human rights and privacy are broad, complex topics that are open to multiple and sometimes conflicting interpretations, and absent the specificity (and clarity regarding any actual features or characteristics of the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project) necessary to clarify for stockholders and the Company what conceptions of human rights and privacy the Proposal would ask to assess, the Proposal's references to the concepts lose all meaning. Instead of clarifying, the Proponent adopts a confusing and scattershot approach, referencing a wide variety of



highly theoretical harms from the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project that may or may not be intended to be understood as "human rights and privacy concerns" for purposes of the Proposal. As discussed in subsection I.B.1. above, these theoretical harms include the possibility that advertisers could use data to target vulnerable individuals with certain medical conditions or predispositions; unspecified concerns regarding patient consent to disclose personal health information; the possibility of reverse-engineering anonymized data to re-identify individuals; the possibility that state agencies or law enforcement agencies could obtain information related to material or reproductive healthcare for law enforcement purposes without judicial oversight; concerns about potential data security incidents; concerns about impacts on access to and quality of healthcare services, including children and geriatric healthcare, addiction treatment, mental health and maternal and reproductive healthcare; and concerns about exacerbating geographic or demographic health inequities. See generally Proposal. These vague references to a wide range of hypothetical harms fail to coherently identify what interpretation of "human rights and privacy concerns" a report would be required to assess and create a substantial risk that individual stockholders and the Company will develop differing interpretations. For example, although the supporting statement accompanying the Proposal makes reference to addiction treatment, it does not clarify whether such treatment is intended to be viewed as a human right for purposes of the assessment. Absent a unifying standard or principle to guide the requested assessment, the Company and stockholders are left to form their own potentially divergent conclusions. The vague and undefined references to "human rights and privacy concerns" in the Proposal would therefore leave stockholders unable to determine what ultimate actions and information included in such a report were being voted on and undermine the Company's ability to implement the Proposal in a manner satisfactory to its stockholders.

The Proposal further compounds this confusion by failing to clarify the form and scope of the requested "assessment," and this interpretive challenge is magnified by the fact that the Proposal would seek to assess an evolving project that is in preliminary stages of development. For example, the Proposal does not clarify whether the assessment would be required to assume the presence or absence of any particular potential features or characteristics in grading the theoretical impacts of such features on whatever human rights and privacy concerns a third-party rapporteur deems valid; whether the assessment would be required to address all of the speculative harms referenced in the supporting statement accompanying the Proposal (or to assume the presence of features that could give rise to such harms); or whether the assessment would be required to review the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project against any objective standards, benchmarks or other criteria.

As these uncertainties and ambiguities demonstrate, the Proposal's failure to clarify the form and scope of the requested "assessment" or the "human rights and privacy concerns" to be assessed would preclude the Company and its stockholders from developing a consistent understanding of the subject matter or scope of the requested assessment, making it inevitable that the Company's stockholders would not know what they were voting on and that the Company would not know how to implement the Proposal if it were approved. Because neither the Company nor its stockholders would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the Proposal requires, the Proposal is so vague and indefinite as to be inherently misleading. The Proposal may therefore be properly omitted from the 2023 Proxy Materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(3).



II. The Proposal may be omitted under Rule 14a-8(i)(7) because it deals with a matter relating to the Company's ordinary business operations.

In addition to being vague and indefinite, the Proposal relates to the Company's ordinary business operations and seeks to micromanage the Company, and it may therefore be excluded pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(7).

A. A proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(7) if it addresses a company's ordinary business operations and does not raise a significant issue that transcends ordinary business operations.

Under Rule 14a-8(i)(7), a registrant may omit from its proxy materials a shareholder proposal that relates to the registrant's "ordinary business" operations. In SEC Release No. 34-40018 (May 21, 1998) (the "1998 Release"), the Commission noted that the principal policy for this exclusion is "to confine the resolution of ordinary business problems to management and the board of directors, since it is impracticable for shareholders to decide how to solve such problems at an annual shareholders meeting," and identified two central considerations that underlie this policy. The first was that "[c]ertain tasks are so fundamental to management's ability to run a company on a day-to-day basis that they could not, as a practical matter, be subject to direct shareholder oversight," and the second "relates to the degree to which the proposal seeks to 'micro-manage' the company by probing too deeply into matters of a complex nature upon which shareholders, as a group, would not be in a position to make an informed judgment." *Id.*

In evaluating whether a proposal seeks to micromanage a company, the Staff focuses on "the level of granularity sought in the proposal and whether and to what extent it inappropriately limits discretion of the board or management." Section B, Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14L (Nov. 3, 2021) ("*SLB 14L*") The Staff may also consider "the sophistication of investors generally on the matter, the availability of data, and the robustness of public discussion and analysis on the topic." *Id.* Underlying this inquiry is the view that the ordinary business exclusion is "designed to preserve management's discretion on ordinary business matters but not prevent shareholders from providing high-level direction on large strategic corporate matters." *Id.*

As the Commission noted in the 1998 Release, proposals focusing on "sufficiently significant social policy issues" are generally not excludable because they would "transcend the day-to-day business matters and raise policy issues so significant that it would be appropriate for shareholder vote." 1998 Release. In evaluating whether a proposal raises a social policy issue that transcends the ordinary business of a company, the Staff focuses on the social policy significance of the issue that is the subject of the shareholder proposal and whether the proposal raises issues with a broad societal impact. See SLB 14L.



B. The Proposal may be excluded because it relates to a particular product or service that may be offered by the Company.

The Proposal impermissibly seeks to interfere with the Company's development and offering decisions with respect to a particular product or service that may be offered by the Company—matters that the Staff has consistently concurred are fundamental to a company's ordinary business operations.

Although the Proposal requests a report "assessing human rights and privacy concerns" with respect to the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project, its underlying subject matter is the Company's ordinary business operations, and its framing as a request for a report does not change the nature of the proposal. The Commission has stated that a proposal requesting the dissemination of a report may be excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(7) if the subject matter of the report is within the ordinary business of the issuer. See SEC Release No. 34-20091 (Aug. 16, 1983). In addition, the Staff has indicated that "[where] the subject matter of the additional disclosure sought in a particular proposal involves a matter of ordinary business...it may be excluded under [R]ule 14a-8(i)(7)." Johnson Controls, Inc. (Oct. 26, 1999). See also Section C, Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14H (Oct. 22, 2015) (noting that "the analysis should focus on the underlying subject matter of a proposal's request for board or committee review regardless of how the proposal is framed"). Here, the subject matter of the report requested by the Proposal is the Company's development of the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project—a granular and discrete component of the Company's ordinary course product development and product management operations.

The Staff has repeatedly concurred that product development and management decisions, like the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project at issue here, are a core management function that fits squarely within a company's ordinary business operations. For example, in Applied Digital Solutions, Inc. (Apr. 25, 2006), the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a shareholder proposal requesting a report on the potential harm to the public's privacy, among other things, from the sale and use of chips containing radio frequency identification technology. The Staff noted in its no-action letter that the proposal related to the company's "ordinary business operations (i.e., product development)." Id. Similarly, in Mondelēz International, Inc. (Feb. 23, 2016), the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a shareholder proposal related to the company's use of titanium dioxide in the development of its products, noting in its no-action letter that "the proposal relates to Mondelez's product development." Likewise, in Papa John's International, Inc. (Feb. 13, 2015), the Staff concurred with the argument that a shareholder proposal requesting that the company begin sales of particular kinds of food items (specifically, vegan pizzas) would subvert the role of management in deciding what types of products to offer, and in Seaboard Corp. (Mar. 3, 2003), the Staff concurred with the argument that a shareholder proposal requesting a report on antibiotic use in animals used for meat production would interfere with the company's discretion to determine the inputs to its products in compliance with applicable regulations.

The Staff has also consistently agreed that proposals related to a company's decision to sell or distribute particular products or services may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(7), even if such products or services are deemed controversial. For example, in *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* (Mar. 20, 2014), aff'd and cited in *Trinity Wall Street v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, 792 F.3d 323 (3d Cir. 2015), the Staff permitted the exclusion of a proposal requesting board oversight to determine whether the company should sell certain products,



namely guns equipped with high-capacity magazines, noting that "[p]roposals concerning the sale of particular products and services are generally excludable under [R]ule 14a-8(i)(7)." Similarly, in American Express Co. (Mar. 9, 2023) ("American Express"), the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal requesting a report on risks associated with processing payments for the sale and purchase of firearms. See also The Home Depot, Inc. (Mar. 21, 2018), in which the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a proposal requesting that the company stop selling glue traps because of their harm to mice and danger to other wildlife and human health; Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (Nov. 7, 2016) (recon. denied Nov. 22, 2016), in which the Staff concurred in the omission of a proposal requesting that the company's board prepare a report assessing the financial risk of continued sales of tobacco products; Amazon.com, Inc. (Mar. 27, 2015), in which the Staff concurred in the omission of a proposal requesting the company disclose reputational and financial risk arising from the sale of products that implicated mistreatment of animals; Rite Aid Corp. (Mar. 24, 2015), in which the Staff concurred in the omission of a proposal requesting board oversight to determine whether the company should sell certain products that may endanger public safety; and Dillard's, Inc. (Feb. 27, 2012), in which the Staff concurred in the omission of a proposal requesting that the company's board develop a plan to phase out the sale of fur from raccoon dogs.

As the well-established precedents discussed above reflect, individual product management decisions of the type contemplated by the Proposal are "so fundamental to management's ability to run a company on a day-to-day basis that they could not, as a practical matter, be subject to direct shareholder oversight." See 1998 Release. As a provider of products and services that address enterprise IT environments, the Company develops, markets, sells and supports a broad portfolio of on-premise, cloud-based and hybrid IT offerings, as well as hardware products and services, to thousands of customers across a wide range of industries, and the Company's management continuously considers a wide range of potential future product or service offerings to meet the diverse needs of its customers. For example, in the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023, the Company invested \$8.6 billion in research and development to enhance its existing portfolio of offerings and to develop new technologies and services. See 2023 Annual Report. The Company has hundreds of new products, product features and product performance improvements in its research and development pipeline. In making product development and product management decisions for these pipeline projects, including decisions with respect to the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project, the Company's management must consider myriad factors, including but not limited to market opportunity and anticipated customer demand, other market dynamics and trends, costs and potential profitability of nascent products and services, the opportunity cost of developing and pursuing alternative products, competing products and services offered by the Company's competitors, the Company's technological capabilities, wider technological developments and innovations, the laws and regulations applicable to particular products or services (including regulatory barriers and compliance considerations), intellectual property protection, stakeholder impacts, reputational and publicity considerations, and various other risks and opportunities. Balancing the complex considerations that are bound up in product management decisions—including decisions regarding the development, offering and sale of new products and services like the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project—requires the judgment of the Company's management, which, unlike diversified stockholders, is positioned to develop and utilize the skills, knowledge, information, context, experience and resources necessary to make informed and thoughtful decisions on such operational matters. Such decisions are "so fundamental to



management's ability to run [the C]ompany on a day-to-day basis that [they] could not, as a practical matter, be subject to direct shareholder oversight." See 1998 Release. Allowing stockholder referendums like the Proposal to interfere with the Company's product management decisions, or overly focus management time, attention and decision-making on one or a small subset of the factors described above without regard to the careful balancing exercise necessary in managing day-to-day product development decisions, would inappropriately delegate a fundamental management responsibility to stockholders.

C. The Proposal is overly granular and prescriptive and seeks to micromanage the Company.

By asking stockholders to weigh in one specific pipeline project without the benefit of the extensive contextual knowledge, technical sophistication and day-to-day immersion that are core to such decisionmaking, the Proposal seeks to micromanage the Company by directing its product development efforts a clear example of a proposal that "prob[es] too deeply into matters of a complex nature upon which shareholders, as a group, would not be in a position to make an informed judgment." See id. Each of the factors on which the Staff focuses in its micromanagement analysis—the level of granularity sought in the Proposal; whether and to what extent the Proposal inappropriately limits discretion of the board or management; the sophistication of investors generally on the matter; the availability of data; and the robustness of public discussion and analysis on the topic—weighs in favor of the conclusion that the Proposal seeks to micromanage the Company. See SLB 14L. It is difficult to imagine more granular interference with a company's ordinary business operations than subjecting specific components of an early-stage pipeline project to a stockholder plebiscite—and yet that is precisely what the Proposal seeks to do. Further, the Company's day-to-day product management decisions require sophisticated knowledge of and experience with the Company's business, technologies and industry—knowledge and experience that diversified individual stockholders are unlikely to possess. For example, as discussed above, the Company does not own or assert any rights to use individual patient health information other than as instructed by its customers, and the design and structuring of healthcare IT products that comply with the web of healthcare and privacy regulations governing the Company's and its healthcare customers' businesses requires a deep understanding of complex regulatory requirements and data processing protocols. This type of expertise, as well as the detailed technical, market and other information pertinent to an evaluation of the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project and the Company's other product management decisions (and, consequently, public discussion and analysis thereof), are unavailable to the general public, both because such information tends to be highly technical, specialized and complex and because it often implicates trade secret and other confidentiality considerations. Consequently, diversified public stockholders are unlikely to have access to the information necessary to provide informed and thoughtful input on such matters. Permitting this fundamental management responsibility to be delegated to stockholders would not only usurp management's role but also interfere with the Company's ability to appropriately seek returns for the benefit of all stockholders.

Moreover, the Proposal would have the Company engage an independent third-party rapporteur to conduct the requested report, which would further impose on the Company's day-to-day operations and micromanage the Company's ability to direct its own product development activities. The presence of a third-party assessor in the development phase of a project not only would subject the Company to additional risks in having third parties oversee and be exposed to sensitive and confidential Company



information, but also would interject that third party's views into the process. In addition, the involvement of outside observers in the Company's development process could have a chilling effect on front-line developers and other personnel in anticipation that their development processes and considerations would become public in a report over which the Company would have limited control—considerations that could undermine both the effectiveness and potential for innovation of the Company's product development processes and the Company's ability to attract talented personnel to the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project or other development efforts.

Each of these factors underscores the fundamental point that the underlying subject matter of the Proposal and the processes it would seek to make the Company follow amount to an overly prescriptive attempt to micromanage highly granular business decisions regarding a specific product development pipeline project—a far cry from the type of "high-level direction on large strategic corporate matters" that is the appropriate province of shareholder proposals. See SLB 14L (emphasis added). The Proposal therefore may be properly excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(7).

D. The Proposal does not raise significant social policy issues that transcend the Company's ordinary business.

The Proposal focuses primarily on the ordinary business matter of the Company's particular products and services and does not "transcend the day-to-day business matters and raise policy issues so significant that it would be appropriate for a shareholder vote." See 1998 Release. Although the Proposal touches on vaguely defined privacy and human rights concerns, these speculative concerns do not implicate significant social policy issues or raise issues with a broad societal impact, and the Proposal consequently fails to transcend the ordinary business of the Company. See SLB 14L.

As discussed above, decisions relating to the Company's particular products or services are foundational management tasks, and the Staff has consistently concurred that the mere mention of an issue with a broad societal impact, or the mere fact that an ordinary business issue might tangentially impact society more broadly, is insufficient to transform a proposal that is otherwise about ordinary business issues into one that pertains to the type of "high-level direction on large strategic corporate matters" that the Staff recently confirmed as deserving shareholder oversight. See SLB 14L. For example, in American Express, a shareholder proposal requested a report describing if and how the company intended to reduce the risk associated with tracking, collecting or sharing information regarding the processing of payments for the sale and purchase of firearms. Although the proposal touched on issues related to firearms and mass shootings, the Staff concurred with the company's argument that the proposal's "main request" nevertheless "focuse[d] primarily on the ordinary business matter of the [c]ompany's particular products and services." Id. Similarly, in Dominion Resources, Inc. (Feb. 3, 2011), a proposal requested that the company promote "stewardship of the environment" by initiating a program to provide financing to home and small business owners for installation of rooftop solar or renewable wind power generation. Even though the proposal touched upon environmental matters, the Staff noted that the subject matter of the proposal actually related to "the products and services offered for sale by the company" and therefore agreed that the proposal could be excluded. See also Wells Fargo & Co. (Feb. 27, 2019), in which the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal that raised multiple issues that might arguably have been



of significance to the company but failed to focus on any of them, as the "Resolved" clause focused on customer service; Amazon.com, Inc. (Mar. 28, 2019), in which the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal that touched on sustainability concerns but was so broadly worded that the proposal did not focus on any single issue that transcended the company's ordinary business; Deere & Co. (Nov. 14, 2014) (recon. denied Jan. 5, 2015), in which the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal requesting the implementation and enforcement of a company-wide employee code of conduct that included an anti-discrimination policy where the proposal also related to the company's "policies concerning its employees," an ordinary business matter); The TJX Companies, Inc. (Mar. 29, 2011), in which the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal requesting an annual assessment of the risks created by the actions the company takes to avoid or minimize U.S. federal, state and local taxes and a report to shareholders on the assessment as "relating to TJX's ordinary business operations" because "the proposal relates to decisions concerning the company's tax expenses and sources of financing;" and Apache Corp. (Mar. 5, 2008), in which the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a proposal requesting the implementation of equal employment opportunity policies based on a list of various principles touching on social policy issues and noted in its no-action letter that "some of the principles relate to Apache's ordinary business operations."

Like the examples discussed above, the Proposal merely touches on matters of social policy and does not raise a significant social policy issue that transcends the Company's ordinary business operations. As discussed in Section I.B. above, the Proponent mentions a wide variety of potential harms associated with assumed permutations of the Health Records Pipeline Project, qualified with words like "potential," "may" and "could," and fails to coherently identify what it means by "human rights and privacy concerns." These references to a slew of hypothetical harms that touch on cultural buzzwords similarly fail to identify an issue of significant social policy with any particularity and demonstrate that the focus of the Proposal is on directing the Company's product development pipeline; any references to vaguely conceived "human rights and privacy concerns" are at most incidental to this focus. Unlike other recent shareholder proposals that have requested broad-based and company-wide assessments regarding specific privacy or human rights concerns, the Proposal (to the extent its meaning can be understood) seeks a third-party report on the hypothetical impact of a specific pipeline project on a wide range of vaguely conceived potential harms. As the Staff reaffirmed by concurring with the exclusion of the proposal at issue in American Express, it is insufficient for an overly prescriptive proposal focused on decisions regarding particular products to merely touch on a significant social issue; such references do not cause a proposal to be "transformed from an otherwise ordinary business proposal into one that transcends ordinary business." See American Express. The fact that the Health Records Pipeline Project is under development and evolving further underscores its remote and tangential implications for the wide range of policy issues the Proposal purports to raise.

The Staff's recent no-action determinations under Rule 14a-8(i)(7) and guidance in SLB 14L reconfirm the key principles underlying the ordinary business exclusion. First, as demonstrated in *American Express* and the other well-established precedents discussed above, the Staff will not recast proposals that are inherently operational as raising significant social policy issues. Second, as demonstrated in *American Express* and in *Amazon.com*, *Inc.* (Apr. 8, 2022), citing potential social policy implications in a proposal does not qualify as "focusing" on such issues, even if the social policies happen to be the subject of



substantial public focus. Finally, SLB 14L makes clear that a proposal can overcome the ordinary business exclusion only if the proposal "focuses on a significant social policy issue." As described above, the Proposal's scattershot references to hypothetical impacts on a broad range of policy issues are secondary to the central objective of the Proposal regarding the Company's product management decisions, specifically the Company's decisions with respect to the Healthcare Records Pipeline Project. Such decisions are integral to management of the Company's business of providing products and services that address enterprise IT environments and are foundational matters for management—not shareholders. The Proposal therefore fails to focus on any significant social policy issue that transcends the ordinary business of the Company. For these reasons, the significant social policy issue exception does not support inclusion of the Proposal in the 2023 Proxy Materials.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Company respectfully requests the Staff's concurrence that the Proposal may be properly excluded from the 2023 Proxy Materials and further requests confirmation that the Staff will not recommend any enforcement action if the Company so excludes the Proposal.

We would be happy to provide you with any additional information and answer any questions that you may have regarding this subject. Should you disagree with the conclusions set forth herein, we respectfully request the opportunity to confer with you prior to the determination of the Staff's final position. Please do not hesitate to call Sarah K. Solum at (650) 618-9243 or Elizabeth K. Bieber at (212) 508-8884.

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Very truly yours,

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cc: Brian Higgins, Oracle Corporation

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Enclosures



EXHIBIT A

Shareholder proposal regarding Oracle's plan for a national health database

WHEREAS: In June 2022, Oracle unveiled new plans to develop a "unified national health records database," which it is initially effectuating through its \$28.3 billion acquisition of electronic health record company Cerner.¹ The Company did not release details about the database's timeline, price tag, and outside access.²

Centralizing the nation's patient records is a controversial topic. While the project could reshape the nation's healthcare interoperability landscape and improve health outcomes, there are significant concerns about the privacy risks and human rights impact of having a national health database. Some note this effort could be used to capture and store Americans' private medical data to then share it with third parties that are not directly involved in healthcare provision.³ For example, advertisers could potentially use the data to target vulnerable individuals with certain medical conditions or predispositions.

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Critics also worry that a nationwide central database could become a backdoor into other issues, especially if the database extends beyond patient medical records to include "all information that's applicable to [a person's] health," as Oracle Health chairman David Feinberg has suggested.⁵ For example, information related to maternal or reproductive healthcare could be obtained without judicial oversight from the database by state agencies or third parties for law enforcement purposes.

These considerations coupled with recent data security incidents implicating Oracle⁶ underscore the need for independent analysis of the Company's exposure to reputational, legal, regulatory, and operational risks stemming from the implementation of the national health records database project.

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RESOLVED: Shareholders request the Board commission a third-party independent report assessing human rights and privacy concerns with the Company's proposed national health records database project. The report should be prepared within one year of the annual meeting, at reasonable cost and excluding proprietary and privileged information.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT: Shareholders recommend, at board and management discretion, that the report contain an assessment of:

- potential privacy and human rights violations to patients and consumers that may be caused by the use and abuse of the database;
- the impacts of the database on access to and quality of health and medical services, including but not limited to children and geriatric healthcare, addiction treatment, mental health, and maternal and reproductive healthcare;
- whether the project could exacerbate geographic or demographic health inequities; and,
- whether the harms can be mitigated or avoided, or are unavoidable risks inherent in the project.

EXHIBIT B

CHANGE FINANCE, P.B.C

INVESTING IN SERVICE TO LIFE

May 25, 2023

Brian S. Higgins Senior Vice President & Corporate Secretary Oracle Corporation 2300 Oracle Way Austin, Texas 78741

<u>Via email</u>: Corporate_Secretary@oracle.com, with a confirmation copy sent by mail

Re: Shareholder Proposal for 2023 Annual Shareholder Meeting

Dear Mr. Higgins,

On behalf of Change Finance, P.B.C. ("Change Finance"), I am submitting the attached proposal (the "Proposal") pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 14a-8 to be included in the proxy statement of Oracle Corporation (the "Company") for its 2023 annual meeting of shareholders.

Change Finance has continuously beneficially owned the requisite shares of the Company's common stock required to file a shareholder proposal under Rule 14a-8. Verification of this ownership will be sent under separate cover. Change Finance intends to continue to hold such shares through the date of the Company's 2023 annual meeting of shareholders.

I, as co-CEO of Change Finance, am available to meet with the Company via teleconference on June 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm ET, June 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm ET, or June 16, 2023 11:00 am ET.

I can be contacted at or by email at to schedule a meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dorrit Lowsen Co-CEO

Change Finance, P.B.C.

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Oracle Corporation

2300 Oracle Way Austin, Texas 78741 phone (737) 867-1000

June 1, 2023

Via email

Dorrit Lowsen Co-CEO Change Finance, P.B.C.

Dear Ms. Lowsen:

On May 25, 2023, we received a stockholder proposal from you on behalf of Change Finance, P.B.C. (the "Proponent") pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") for inclusion in the proxy statement for Oracle Corporation's 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The submission contains a procedural deficiency, further described below, which SEC regulations require us to bring to your attention.

Rule 14a-8(b) under the Exchange Act provides that stockholder proponents must submit sufficient proof of their continuous ownership of:

- at least \$2,000 in market value of the company's shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least three years; or
- at least \$15,000 in market value of the company's shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least two years; or
- at least \$25,000 in market value of the company's shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least one year.

We refer to this as the "Ownership Requirement." Oracle Corporation's stock records do not indicate that the Proponent is record owner of sufficient shares to satisfy the Ownership Requirement. In addition, to date we have not received proof that the Proponent has satisfied the Ownership Requirement as of May 25, 2023, the date that the proposal was submitted.

To remedy this defect, you must submit sufficient proof of the Proponent's ownership of Oracle Corporation shares in order to satisfy the Ownership Requirement set forth in Rule 14a-8(b) and described above. As explained in Rule 14a-8(b) and in SEC Staff guidance, sufficient proof must be in the form of:

 a written statement from the "record" holder of the Proponent's shares (usually a broker or a bank) verifying that the Proponent continuously held at least \$2,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000 in market value of Oracle Corporation shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least the three-year, two-year or one-year period, respectively, preceding and including May 25, 2023; or



• if the Proponent has filed with the SEC a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, demonstrating that the Proponent's ownership of Oracle Corporation shares entitled to vote on the proposal meets the Ownership Requirement, a copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in the ownership level and a written statement that the Proponent continuously held at least \$2,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000 in market value of Oracle Corporation shares entitled to vote on the proposal for the three-year, two-year or one-year period, respectively, preceding and including May 25, 2023.

If the Proponent intends to demonstrate ownership by submitting a written statement from the "record" holder of the Proponents' shares as set forth in the first bullet above, please note that most large U.S. brokers and banks deposit their customers' securities with, and hold those securities through, the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), a registered clearing agency that acts as a securities depository (DTC is also known through the account name of Cede & Co.). Under SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F, only DTC participants are viewed as record holders of securities that are deposited at DTC. You can confirm whether the Proponents' broker or bank is a DTC participant by asking the Proponent's broker or bank or by checking DTC's participant list, which is available at http://www.dtcc.com/client-center/dtc-directories.aspx. In these situations, stockholders need to obtain proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the securities are held, as follows:

- If the Proponent's broker or bank is a DTC participant, then the Proponent needs to submit a written statement from their broker or bank verifying that the Proponent continuously held at least \$2,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000 in market value of Oracle Corporation shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least the three-year, two-year or one-year period, respectively, preceding and including May 25, 2023.
- If the Proponent's broker or bank is not a DTC participant, then the Proponent needs to submit proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the shares are held verifying that the Proponent continuously held at least \$2,000, \$15,000 or \$25,000 in market value of Oracle Corporation shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least the three-year, two-year or one-year period, respectively, preceding and including May 25, 2023. You should be able to find out the identity of the DTC participant by asking the broker or bank. If the Proponent's broker is an introducing broker, you may also be able to learn the identity and telephone number of the DTC participant through the Proponent's account statements, because the clearing broker identified on the account statements will generally be a DTC participant. If the DTC participant that holds the Proponent's shares is not able to confirm the Proponent's individual holdings but is able to confirm the holdings of the Proponent's broker or bank, then the Proponent needs to satisfy the proof of ownership requirements by obtaining and submitting two proof of ownership statements verifying that the Ownership Requirement has been satisfied: (i) one from the Proponent's broker or bank confirming the Proponent's ownership, and (ii) the other from the DTC participant confirming the broker or bank's ownership.

The SEC's rules require that any response to this letter must be postmarked or transmitted electronically no later than 14 calendar days after receiving this letter. Your response should be transmitted via email to Corporate_Secretary@oracle.com and a physical copy may also be sent to the Oracle Corporation Corporate Secretary at the address listed at the top of this letter. Copies of Rule 14a-8 (reflecting the



current requirements, including the current ownership threshold) and Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F are enclosed for your reference.

Thank you for your interest in Oracle. If you have a	ny questions, please feel free to contact me at
Sincerely,	_
Lauren Ackermann Senior Corporate Counsel	
Enclosures	
cc: Nicole Dodson ()

From: Nicole Dodson

To: CORPORATE_SECRETARY

Dorrit Lowsen Cc:

Subject: Re: [External] : Stockholder Proposal for 2023 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 1:08:56 PM Date:

image001.png **Attachments:**

Oracle Position Confirmation- Final.pdf

Hello.

Please see attached proof of ownership for Change Finance with regard to our shareholder proposal for the 2023 meeting. We kindly ask that you confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

On Thu, Jun 1, 2023 at 8:46 AM CORPORATE_SECRETARY <corporate secretary@oracle.com> wrote:

Ms. Lowsen, Please see the attached letter requesting proof of ownership in connection with Change Finance's submission of a stockholder proposal to Oracle Corporation. Regards, Lauren Lauren Ackermann, Senior Corporate Counsel Phone: Email: **From:** Nicole Dodson <

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 4:06 PM

To: CORPORATE SECRETARY < corporate secretary@oracle.com>

Cc: Dorrit Lowsen < >; Shelley Alpern >; Antonio Pontón-Núñez <

Subject: [External]: Stockholder Proposal for 2023 Annual Meeting

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Please take a look at the attached letter and proposal for details. Please note this proposal has been mailed as well.

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Best.

Nicole

Nicole Dodson

Director of Operations and Shareholder Engagement

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June 7, 2023

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 50 Post Office Square Boston, MA 02110

RE: Proof of Holdings Instruction Letter in respect of: Oracle Corporation. (the "Shares")

Dear Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.:

Reference is made to the custodian agreement between Investment Managers Series Trust II in respect of its series, AXS Change Finance ESG ETF ("Client") and Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ("BBH") dated September 24, 2021, as amended, restated, modified, and/or supplemented, and otherwise in effect from time to time (the "Agreement"). Further reference is made to the Proof of Holdings Letter relating to the Shares held by the Client attached hereto as Appendix A (the "Proof of Holdings Letter").

Client instructs BBH to sign and address the Proof of Holdings Letter as set forth below. Client further confirms that:

- 1. On May 25, 2023 it held 12,955 of Shares in custody with BBH;
- 2. From the period May 25, 2022 through May 25 2023, Client held at least 12,875 Shares continuously;
- 3. From May 25, 2022 through May 25, 2023 (i) Client beneficially owned, and (ii) Client had beneficially owned continuously for at least May 25, 2022 through May 25, 2023, Shares worth at least \$25,000;
- The Proof of Holdings Letter should be addressed to: 4. Brian S. Higgins Senior Vice President & Corporate Secretary **Oracle Corporation**

2300 Oracle Way

Austin, Texas 78741

The Client represents and warrants that all statements, representations and/or warranties set forth in the Proof of Holdings Letter, are true, accurate, and complete, and that this letter of direction is signed by an authorized person or persons with all necessary authority to sign on behalf of the Client. Client further instructs that, after BBH executes the Proof of Holdings Letter, BBH email the Proof of Holdings Letter to the Client at: . This letter of instruction shall be deemed an Instruction as defined under the Agreement.

Sincerely,	
Investment Managers Series Trust II	
By:	
Name: Joshua Gohr	
Title: Aggistant Transurer	

APPENDIX A

To The Proof of Holdings Instruction Letter in respect of Oracle Corporation. Company Dated June 7, 2023

June 7, 2023

Brian S. Higgins Senior Vice President & Corporate Secretary Oracle Corporation 2300 Oracle Way Austin, Texas 78741

Dear Sir or Madam:

References is made to a shareholder proposal submitted to Oracle Corporation by Investment Managers Series Trust II on behalf of its series, AXS Change Finance ESG ETF ("Client").

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ("BBH"), acting as custodian for Client, hereby confirms that, as of May 25, 2023, Client beneficially owned, and had beneficially owned continuously since May 25, 2022, 12,875 shares of Oracle Corporation worth at least \$25,000 (the "Shares"), with Cusip 68389X105.

BBH has acted as record holder of the Shares and is a Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation participant since March 21, 2022 in relation to the Client.

The above information is provided at the request and direction of the Client. The above statements do not constitute legal advice or legal conclusions. BBH assumes no liability or responsibility for any party's reliance on this document and will not be responsible for any loss or damage (direct, indirect or consequential) incurred as a result of any reliance thereon.

Sincerely,

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

By:

Name: Hugh Bolton Title: Principal From: Nicole Dodson

To: <u>CORPORATE_SECRETARY</u>

Subject: Re: [External] : Re: Meeting to Discuss Shareholder Proposal

Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:59:56 PM

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We could do 3 pm PT.

Thank you.

On Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 1:41 PM CORPORATE_SECRETARY < corporate secretary@oracle.com > wrote:

Hi Nicole,

We are scheduled to meet tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1:00 pm PT. Unfortunately, 2:00 pm PT does not work for us, but we could do 3:00 or 3:30 pm PT. Would either of those times work on your end?

Thank you,

Lauren

From: Nicole Dodson <

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 8:35 AM

To: CORPORATE_SECRETARY < <u>corporate secretary@oracle.com</u>> **Subject:** Re: [External] : Re: Meeting to Discuss Shareholder Proposal

Hello, apologies for the late notice Dorrit had something come up on Wednesday could we push the meeting one hour? If not please let me know. Thank you.

On Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM CORPORATE_SECRETARY < corporate secretary@oracle.com > wrote:

That works for us as well. I will send a calendar invitation shortly.

Thank you,

Lauren

From: Nicole Dodson < Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 1:01 PM To: CORPORATE_SECRETARY < corporate secretary@oracle.com > Subject: [External]: Re: Meeting to Discuss Shareholder Proposal
We could do the 27th at 1:00 pm PT if that works for your team. Please include Antonio from our side as well.
Thank you.
On Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 3:56 PM CORPORATE_SECRETARY < corporate secretary@oracle.com > wrote:
Ms. Lowsen,
I am reaching out regarding the shareholder proposal that was submitted by Change Finance for inclusion in Oracle's 2023 proxy statement. We would like to set up a meeting to discuss the proposal. Please advise if you are available for a thirty minute Zoom call during one of the following times:
Tuesday, June 27 th at either 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Pacific
Wednesday, June 28 th at 9:30 a.m. Pacific
We look forward to talking with you and better understanding your proposal.
Thank you,
Lauren Ackermann
Lauren Ackermann, Senior Corporate Counsel Phone: Email:

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Best,

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Director of Operations and Shareholder Engagement

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To: Lauren Ackermann

Cc: <u>Antonio Pontón-Núñez</u>; <u>Dorrit Lowsen</u>

Subject: [External]: Shareholder Proposal Follow-Up- Change Finance

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023 1:03:58 PM

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To: <u>Nicole Dodson</u>

Cc: Antonio Pontón-Núñez; Dorrit Lowsen

Subject: RE: [External] : Shareholder Proposal Follow-Up- Change Finance

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Hi Nicole,

Thank you again for meeting with us last week to discuss your shareholder proposal. We would like to schedule another call to discuss the follow-up questions that you provided. I recall that Dorrit is traveling for the next few weeks, so perhaps we could target late-July or early-August? We are available on the following days/times:

- Monday, July 24th at 9:00 am Pacific
- Thursday, July 27th at 12:00 pm Pacific
- Monday, July 31st at 1:00 pm Pacific
- Tuesday, August 1st at 12:30 pm Pacific
- Wednesday, August 2nd at 12:00 pm Pacific

If none of these work please let me know and we can find an alternate time that works for everyone. We look forward to speaking with you again soon.

Thank you, Lauren

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Lauren Ackermann, Senior Corporate Counsel		
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RE: Oracle Corporation

Stockholder Proposal Submitted by Change Finance, P.B.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In a letter dated July 7, 2023 (the "*No-Action Request*"), we requested confirmation that the Staff of the Division of Corporation Finance of the Securities and Exchange Commission would not recommend any enforcement action if, in reliance on Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, our client, Oracle Corporation (the "*Company*"), omitted a stockholder proposal (the "*Proposal*") submitted by Change Finance, P.B.C. (the "*Proponent*") from the proxy materials the Company intends to distribute in connection with its 2023 annual meeting of stockholders.

In an agreement dated August 17, 2023 and enclosed as <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, the Proponent withdrew the Proposal. In reliance on the withdrawal of the Proposal, we hereby withdraw the No-Action Request on behalf of the Company.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call Sarah K. Solum at (650) 618-9243 or Elizabeth K. Bieber at (212) 508-8884.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures



EXHIBIT A

WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT

[See attached.]

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WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT

August 17, 2023

Brian S. Higgins Senior Vice President & Corporate Secretary Oracle Corporation 2300 Oracle Way Austin, Texas 78741

RE: Terms of withdrawal of shareholder proposal on national health records database

Thank you for engaging with Change Finance, P.B.C. on the topic of healthcare privacy and related patient data privacy rights with respect to Oracle Corporation's healthcare and health-related products and services. We appreciate your willingness to discuss our concerns as shareholders and look forward to continuing our dialogue in the future.

To form the basis of a withdrawal agreement, we propose the following steps:

1. Continuing conversations with Change Finance, P.B.C. around progress of the national health records database project, and other actions Oracle may continue to take to protect patient health data generally, through two follow-up meetings in November 2023 and April 2024, with the option for an additional meeting with consent of both parties.

Your signature below affirms the Company's commitment to the steps outlined above. With your signature, this letter shall serve as notice that Change Finance, P.B.C., as filers of the shareholder proposal, hereby withdraw that proposal.

Thank you again for your willingness to engage investors on these concerns.

Sincerely,

Dorrit Lowsen

Co-CEO

Change Finance

8/14/2023

Brian Higgins

Name: Brian Higgins

Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

Oracle Corporation DATE:August 17, 2023