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Lead Plaintiff Hartmut Haenisch ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, alleges the following upon information and belief, except as to those allegations concerning Plaintiff, which are alleged upon his personal knowledge. Plaintiff's information and belief is based upon, among other things, his counsel's investigation, which includes without limitation, review and analysis of: (a) regulatory filings made by Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC") with the United States ("U.S.") Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"); (b) press releases and media reports issued by and disseminated by SRAC and by Momentus Inc. ("Momentus")¹; (c) an SEC cease and desist order relating to SRAC and Momentus; (d) documents filed in litigation initiated by the SEC relating to SRAC and Momentus; and (e) review of other publicly available information concerning SRAC and Momentus.

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION AND OVERVIEW

1. This is a federal securities class action brought on behalf of persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC securities between October 7, 2020 and July 13, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"), excluding Defendants, seeking to recover compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. During the Class Period SRAC's Class A common stock, public units,

¹ After the end of the Class Period alleged in this Amended Complaint, on or about August 12, 2021, pursuant to a business combination: (i) Stable Road Acquisition Corp. acquired Momentus Inc., (ii) Momentus Inc. merged into a subsidiary of SRAC named Project Marvel Second Merger Sub, LLC, and (iii) SRAC changed its name to Momentus Inc. As used in this Amended Complaint, the terms Momentus Inc. or Momentus refer to the corporation that existed by that name (and previously by the name Space Apprentices Enterprise Inc.) prior to the business combination, and the terms Stable Road Acquisition Corp. or SRAC refer to the corporation known by that name prior to the business combination and currently known as Momentus Inc.

and public warrants were publicly traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbols "SRAC," "SRACU," and "SRACW," respectively.

- 2. SRAC, Momentus, and their directors and officers, materially misled investors regarding Momentus's business and future prospects in an attempt to gain investor support for a proposed merger between SRAC, a special purpose acquisition company (or "SPAC") focused on the cannabis industry, and Momentus, a privately owned space industry startup with no revenue.
- 3. SRAC had attempted to locate an appropriate cannabis/marijuana related company to acquire as was its stated purpose but they were unable to locate one prior to the May 13, 2021 deadline upon which SRAC would need to repay \$172.5 million to shareholders if no successful merger was consummated. In order to prevent this return of money and to enrich the Defendants, who stood to make tens of millions of dollars from any merger, SRAC rushed to enter into the merger with Momentus (even though Momentus was not in the cannabis industry). To make sure that shareholders approved this last-minute deal, Defendants misleadingly touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects.
- 4. This was confirmed by the SEC itself when on July 13, 2021, the SEC publicly detailed Defendants' misconduct in: (i) a cease and desist order (the "SEC Order," attached hereto as Exhibit 1) against Defendants Momentus, SRAC, SRC-NI Holdings LLC (the "Sponsor" of SRAC) and Brian Kabot (SRAC's CEO); and (ii) a civil complaint (the "SEC Complaint," attached hereto as Exhibit 2) filed against Defendant Kokorich.² According to the SEC Order and SEC Complaint, Defendants had misleadingly touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects while failing to disclose that (i) multiple federal agencies had determined that

² While the SEC is actively litigating its case against Defendant Kokorich, he fled the country following his abrupt resignation in January 2021 amid increasing governmental scrutiny of national security concerns relating to him.

Momentus's then-CEO Defendant Kokorich, who is a citizen of Russia with ties to the Russian government and who is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States, posed an unacceptable national security risk, (ii) Momentus had never successfully tested its technology in space as claimed, (iii) as a result, Momentus's financial projections of immediate, explosive revenue growth were highly misleading, and (iv) SRAC's superficial due diligence of Momentus failed to provide any reasonable basis for its public statements about the company. Moreover, the SEC Order and Complaint explained that Momentus, SRAC, and Kabot agreed to pay the SEC fines totaling over \$8 million, the Sponsor agreed to give up SRAC stock potentially worth millions of dollars, and Defendants agreed to allow certain investors to cancel agreements to purchase SRAC securities.

5. In a July 13, 2021 press release announcing the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint, SEC Chair Gary Gensler specifically confirmed that Defendants "misled the investing public" and that Stable Road had "fail[ed] to undertake adequate due diligence to protect shareholders." As Gensler explained:

This case illustrates risks inherent to SPAC transactions, as those who stand to earn significant profits from a SPAC merger may conduct inadequate due diligence and mislead investors . . . Stable Road, a SPAC, and its merger target, Momentus, both misled the investing public. The fact that Momentus lied to Stable Road does not absolve Stable Road of its failure to undertake adequate due diligence to protect shareholders. Today's actions will prevent the wrongdoers from benefitting at the expense of investors and help to better align the incentives of parties to a SPAC transaction with those of investors relying on truthful information to make investment decisions.

6. Although the SEC's actions prevented Defendants from causing further harm to investors, these actions came too late for the many investors who had purchased SRAC securities during the October 7, 2020 to July 13, 2021 Class Period. These investors paid excessive prices for SRAC securities, which prices were artificially inflated throughout the Class Period by Defendants' materially false and misleading statements.

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7. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the resulting precipitous decline in the market value of SRAC's securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. The claims asserted herein arise under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5).
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa).
- 10. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa(c)). Substantial acts in furtherance of the alleged fraud or the effects of the fraud have occurred in this Judicial District. Many of the acts charged herein, including the dissemination of materially false and/or misleading information, occurred in substantial part in this Judicial District. Defendant SRAC maintains its principal executive offices in this District.
- 11. In connection with the acts, transactions, and conduct alleged herein, Defendants directly and indirectly used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including the United States mail, interstate telephone communications, and the facilities of a national securities exchange.
- 12. Defendant Kokorich is subject to personal jurisdiction because, among other things, he lived and worked in the United States during the relevant period, purposefully directed his business activities at the United States, and knowingly provided statements for use in materials used to promote securities transactions in the United States and to be used in SEC filings.

III. PARTIES

- 13. Lead Plaintiff Hartmut Haenisch, as set forth in the previously filed certification (Dkt No. 46-2), incorporated by reference herein, purchased SRAC securities during the Class Period, and suffered damages as a result of the federal securities law violations and false and/or misleading statements and/or material omissions alleged herein.
- 14. Defendant Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC") was a special purpose acquisition company during the Class Period. SRAC was incorporated in Delaware. During the Class Period SRAC maintained its principal executive offices at 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291. During the Class Period, SRAC Class A common stock, warrants and units traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols "SRAC," "SRACW" and "SRACU," respectively.
- 15. Defendant SRC-NI Holdings, LLC ("Sponsor") served as the sponsor of SRAC during the Class Period. The Sponsor was formed in Delaware as a limited liability company. During the Class Period, the Sponsor's principal place of business was 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, California 90291.
- 16. Defendant Brian Kabot served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Kabot was a manager of the Sponsor, shared voting and dispositive control over securities owned by the Sponsor, and was reported as beneficially owning securities owned by the Sponsor. During the Class Period Kabot's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291.
- 17. Defendant Juan Manuel Quiroga served as Chief Investment Officer and Secretary of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Quiroga was a manager of the Sponsor, shared voting and dispositive control over securities owned by the Sponsor, and was reported as beneficially owning securities owned by

- 18. Defendant James Norris served as Chief Financial Officer and a director of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Norris was directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. During the Class Period Norris's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291.
- 19. Defendant James Hofmockel served as a director of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Hofmockel was directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. During the Class Period Hofmockel's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291.
- 20. Defendant Momentus, Inc. was a privately owned space industry startup that was an acquisition target of SRAC during the Class Period. Momentus was incorporated in Delaware. During the Class Period Momentus's principal executive offices were located at 3050 Kenneth St., Santa Clara, California 95054.
- 21. Defendant Mikhail Kokorich served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Momentus during the Class Period, until his resignation effective immediately on or about January 25, 2021. During the Class Period Kokorich was a major shareholder of Momentus until he sold his shares to Momentus on or about June 8, 2021. During the Class Period Kokorich's business address, through at least the time of his resignation, was c/o Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054.
- 22. Defendant Dawn Harms served as Chief Revenue Officer of Momentus during the Class Period, until Kokorich's resignation effective immediately on or about January 25, 2021, at which time Harms became interim CEO and a director of Momentus. During the Class Period Harms's business address was c/o Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

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- 23. Defendant Fred Kennedy served as President of Momentus during the Class Period. During the Class Period Kennedy's business address was c/o Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054.
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- 24. Defendants Kabot, Quiroga, Norris, and Hofmockel are referred to herein as the "SRAC Individual Defendants."
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- Defendants Kokorich, Harms, and Kennedy are referred to herein as the 25. "Momentus Individual Defendants."
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The SRAC Individual Defendants and the Momentus Individual 26. Defendants are referred to herein as the Individual Defendants.

IV.

BACKGROUND REGARDING SRAC AND MOMENTUS

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Special Purpose Acquisition Companies And Their Inherent A. **Conflicts Of Interest**

If a merger or acquisition is successfully made within the allocated time

Accordingly, the founders and

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- 27. Special purpose acquisition companies, or SPACs, are publicly traded companies with no business activities, formed specifically to acquire an existing operating company. SPACs typically raise capital for the acquisition through an initial public offering ("IPO"), and that capital is held in trust for a specific period of

frame, founders and managers of the SPAC can profit through their ownership of the

SPAC's securities (typically about 20% of the SPAC's stock, in addition to warrants

to purchase additional shares). However, if an acquisition is not completed within

that time frame, then the SPAC is dissolved and the money held in trust is returned

to investors, with no compensation paid to the founders and managers of the SPAC,

management team of a SPAC are highly incentivized to complete an acquisition

within their deadline, even if the benefits of that transaction for the public

whose SPAC securities expire worthless.

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- 29. The process of an acquisition target company merging with a publicly traded SPAC is in many respects similar to a traditional IPO, in that a previously private company becomes publicly traded. However, SPAC transactions and IPOs have certain key differences. In a traditional IPO banks underwrite the offering and perform substantial due diligence in order to evaluate the company going public, to formulate appropriate disclosures to prospective investors, and to accurately price its securities. However, in a SPAC transaction there are no underwriters, and so the amount of due diligence performed, and the disclosures surrounding this due diligence, are solely determined by the SPAC and its controlling persons, who have strong incentives to agree to, and gain shareholder approval for, an acquisition regardless of its true merits.
- 30. Typically, common stockholders of a SPAC are granted voting rights to approve or reject the business combination proposed by the management team. Thus, when the management team identifies a target, a merger proxy statement must be distributed to all SPAC stockholders, which includes the target company's financial statements and the terms of the proposed business combination. Public stockholders in SPACs rely on management of the SPAC and the target company to honestly provide accurate information about any contemplated transactions.
- 31. Amidst a recent boom in SPAC IPOs and acquisitions, SEC officials have noted widespread concerns including "risks from fees, conflicts, and sponsor compensation, . . . and the potential for retail participation drawn by baseless hype," and additional concerns regarding whether SPAC sponsors have "sufficient incentives to do appropriate due diligence on the target and its disclosures to public investors, especially since SPACs are designed not to include a conventional underwriter."

³ John Coates, Acting Director, SEC Division of Corporation Finance, Apr. 8, 2021, SPACs, IPOs and Liability Risk under the Securities Laws, *available at* (footnote continued)

- 32. Similarly, SEC Chair Gary Gensler recently testified to Congress, "the surge of SPACs raises a number of policy questions. First and foremost, are SPAC investors being appropriately protected? Are retail investors getting the appropriate and accurate information they need . . . ?"⁴
- 33. Numerous other commentators have similarly noted the conflict of interest between SPAC management and shareholders with respect to the completion of a business combination. For example, in a paper forthcoming in the Yale Journal on Regulation, law professors at Stanford and New York University address "misaligned incentives inherent in the SPAC structure," including that "the sponsor has an incentive to enter into a losing deal for SPAC investors if its alternative is to liquidate." Based on empirical research of post-merger returns to SPAC shareholders, that paper goes on to conclude that "SPAC sponsors have proposed losing propositions to their shareholders, which is one of the concerns raised by the incentives built into the SPAC structure. . . . [S]ponsors do quite well, even where SPAC shareholders have experienced substantial losses."
- 34. As noted by SEC Chair Gensler in his July 13, 2021 comments accompanying the announcement of the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint against Defendants, "[t]his case illustrates risks inherent to SPAC transactions, as those who stand to earn significant profits from a SPAC merger may conduct inadequate due diligence and mislead investors." As set forth herein, SRAC and Momentus

https://www.sec.gov/news/public-statement/spacs-ipos-liability-risk-under-securities-laws.

⁴ Gary Gensler, May 26, 2021, Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, U.S. House Appropriations Committee, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/news/testimony/gensler-2021-05-26.

⁵ Klausner, Michael D. and Ohlrogge, Michael and Ruan, Emily, A Sober Look at SPACs (Oct. 28, 2020) Yale Journal on Regulation, Forthcoming, *Available at*: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3720919.

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exemplify SPAC conflicts of interest because the Defendants were incentivized to, and did, aggressively promote a proposed business combination between SRAC and Momentus based on materially false and incomplete information that understated the risks to Momentus's business, overstated Momentus's future prospects, and resulted in a grossly excessive proposed valuation of Momentus, all of which artificially inflated the prices of SRAC securities during the Class Period.

B. Background Of SRAC: A SPAC Focused On The Cannabis Industry

- 35. During the Class Period, SRAC was a special-purpose acquisition company, which was incorporated on May 28, 2019 for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses. SRAC operated from an office in Venice, California.
- 36. SRAC filed its IPO prospectus (the "IPO Prospectus"), used to market its shares to investors, with the SEC on November 8, 2019. On or about November 13, 2019, SRAC completed its IPO, selling 17,250,000 units at \$10.00 per unit and proceeds of \$172.5 million. generating gross Simultaneously with consummation of the IPO, the Sponsor, which was SRAC's sponsor and an affiliate of certain of SRAC's officers and directors, participated in a private placement of a total 545,000 private placement units for \$10.00 per unit, generating additional gross proceeds of \$5.45 million. The IPO and concurrent private placement resulted in net proceeds of \$172.5 million placed in SRAC's trust account. Following its IPO, SRAC's public units, Class A common stock and public warrants were publicly traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbols "SRACU," "SRAC" and "SRACW," respectively.
- 37. During the IPO and afterwards, the directors and officers of SRAC, who also controlled the Sponsor, held themselves out to investors as highly experienced businesspeople, with successful track records in acquiring and growing

- businesses. In particular, the directors and officers of SRAC held themselves out to investors as highly experienced in the cannabis industry, which they repeatedly stated would be SRAC's focus for completing an acquisition.
- 38. From SRAC's IPO and throughout the Class Period, SRAC had only three officers: Defendants Kabot, Norris, and Chief Investment Officer Quiroga. Apart from these three officers, SRAC had no employees.
- 39. At the time of its IPO SRAC had five directors: Defendant Kabot (Chairman), Defendant Norris, Defendant Hofmockel, March Lehmann, and Kellen O'Keefe. On December 23, 2019 Ann Kono joined SRAC's board consisted of these six members throughout the Class Period, apart from the resignation of O'Keefe effective immediately on March 24, 2021.
- 40. SRAC was led by Defendant Kabot, who served as SRAC's CEO and Chairman since its inception. In the IPO Prospectus, SRAC repeatedly touted Kabot's investment experience, and in particular his investment experience in the cannabis industry. For example, SRAC stated "Mr. Kabot is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience in the cannabis industry."
- 41. SRAC similarly touted the cannabis industry experience of directors O'Keefe and Lehmann, stating in the IPO Prospectus that "Mr. Lehmann is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience in the cannabis industry," and describing Lehmann's roles as an officer in two cannabis industry companies.
- 42. SRAC also touted the investment experience of Defendants CFO Norris, Chief Investment Officer Quiroga, and director Hofmockel. SRAC stated in the IPO Prospectus that "Mr. Norris is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investment management experience," and similarly stated that "Mr. Hofmockel is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience." SRAC touted Defendant Quiroga's "over 20 years of

- 43. The IPO Prospectus did not disclose, for any of its directors or officers, any experience with satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters. SRAC's directors and officers had no meaningful experience in these subjects.
- 44. In its IPO Prospectus, SRAC repeatedly emphasized that its business strategy and source of competitive advantage would be a focus on the cannabis industry. For example SRAC stated, "[o]ur strategy is to pursue one or more business combinations with companies servicing and operating adjacent or ancillary to, the cannabis sector but which are not directly involved in the production, distribution and sale of cannabis (i.e. businesses that 'touch the plant')." SRAC likewise stated, "[w]hile we may pursue an initial business combination target in any business or industry, we intend to focus our search on companies in the cannabis industry."
- 45. SRAC assured investors that it believed its management team "is well positioned to identify and evaluate businesses within the cannabis sector that would benefit from their skills and access to the public markets," and that its management team offers "a deep network of contacts, in the cannabis sector." SRAC further stated that "Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga have, in the aggregate, executed over 20 transactions within or ancillary to the cannabis sector and have been responsible for investing over \$150 million within or ancillary to the cannabis sector since July 2017."
- 46. The IPO Prospectus mentions "cannabis" 281 times, but contains no references to satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters.

- 47. SRAC's intense focus on the cannabis industry continued beyond its IPO. For example, in its SEC Form 10-K annual report filed March 26, 2020, SRAC repeated many of its IPO Prospectus statements regarding the cannabis experience of its management and its focus on the cannabis industry. For example, SRAC stated, "[o]ur strategy is to pursue one or more business combinations with companies servicing and operating adjacent or ancillary to, the cannabis sector but which are not directly involved in the production, distribution and sale of cannabis (i.e. businesses that 'touch the plant')." SRAC's SEC Form 10-Q quarterly report field August 11, 2020 likewise repeated that "[a]lthough the Company is not limited to a particular industry or sector for purposes of consummating a Business Combination, the Company is focusing its search on companies in the cannabis industry."
 - 48. SRAC's other SEC filings subsequent to the IPO and prior to its October 7, 2020 announcement of the Momentus merger agreement similarly contain numerous references to cannabis, but no references to satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters.

C. SRAC's Management Faced Pressure To Complete A Qualifying Business Combination By The May 13, 2021 Deadline

- 49. Due to the SRAC Individual Defendants' ownership interests in SRAC and the terms and financial structure of SRAC as a SPAC, the SRAC Individual Defendants possessed strong financial incentives to complete a qualifying transaction by the May 13, 2021 deadline. As that deadline grew nearer, the SRAC Individual Defendants faced increasing pressure to complete a transaction irrespective of the merits of that transaction for SRAC's public shareholders.
- 50. SRAC was subject to certain restrictions in its amended and restated certificate of incorporation regarding its pursuit of an acquisition. First, SRAC only had 18 months to complete a business combination from the closing date of the IPO. If SRAC did not complete a business combination in time (*i.e.*, by May 13, 2021) or

obtain postponement of this deadline, its corporate existence would cease, except for purposes of winding up its affairs and liquidating. SRAC was required to hold the approximately \$172.5 million of net proceeds from its IPO in a trust account, and these funds were to be released only upon the consummation of a qualifying business combination, or in the case of liquidation to return the funds to SRAC's investors.

- 51. Second, if SRAC's stockholders approved an amendment to the amended and restated certificate of incorporation that would affect the substance or timing of SRAC's obligation to redeem 100% of the public shares if SRAC did not complete a business combination on time, SRAC was required to provide the holders of its public shares with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their public shares upon approval of any such amendment. Attempting to obtain such a postponement of its deadline for a business combination thus presented serious risks that (i) shareholders would not approve the postponement and so SRAC would be forced to liquidate if it failed to complete a transaction on time, or (ii) if a postponement was approved, shareholders may decide to redeem SRAC shares in amounts that would significantly deplete SRAC's \$172.5 million trust account and jeopardize its ability to complete a transaction even with an extended deadline.
- 52. The directors and officers of SRAC acquired a significant financial interest in SRAC prior to the IPO, through their interests in and control over SRAC's Sponsor. Each of SRAC's officers and directors was, directly or indirectly, a member of the Sponsor. The Sponsor's board of managers was comprised of Edward K. Freedman, Defendant Kabot and Defendant Quiroga. SRAC reported each of Freedman, Kabot, and Quiroga as beneficially owning the securities owned by the Sponsor, and reported that these individuals shared voting and dispositive control over such securities.
- 53. In June 2019 the directors and officers of SRAC caused SRAC to issue the Sponsor 4,312,500 "founder shares" of SRAC Class B common stock for an

- aggregate purchase price of \$25,000 in cash, or approximately \$0.006 per share. These founder shares, purchased at a nominal price, were planned to represent approximately 20% of the outstanding shares upon completion of SRAC's IPO. The founder shares were identical to SRAC's publicly offered shares except for certain key features, including that the founder shares would have no redemption rights and would not participate in a liquidating distribution, and so would be worthless if SRAC did not complete a business combination by its deadline.
- 54. Simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO, the Sponsor purchased 454,128 SRAC units for \$10.00 per unit, totaling over \$4.5 million, in a private placement. These units consisted of private placement shares and private placement warrants, which were identical to SRAC's publicly offered units consisting of public shares and public warrants, except for certain key features, including that the private placement shares and private placement warrants would have no redemption rights and would not participate in a liquidating distribution, and so would be worthless if SRAC did not complete a business combination by its deadline.
- 55. From immediately after SRAC's IPO through the end of the Class Period, SRAC reported that the Sponsor and/or its affiliate SRAC Pipe Partners LLC owned approximately 21.7% of SRAC's common stock. SRAC reported these shares as beneficially owned by the Sponsor's managers: Defendant Kabot, Defendant Quiroga, and Freedman.
- 56. The interests of the Sponsor, its affiliate, and their beneficial owners in SRAC securities had substantial value. For example, SRAC reported that as of December 11, 2020, the Sponsor and its affiliate owned SRAC stock and warrants with an aggregate market value of approximately \$80.9 million, which would be rendered worthless if the Business Combination was not approved.
- 57. The Sponsor and each of SRAC's officers and directors agreed to waive their rights to liquidating distributions with respect to their founder shares and

private placement shares if SRAC did not complete a business combination by its deadline. SRAC's warrants were to expire worthless if SRAC failed to complete its initial business combination by the May 13, 2021 deadline. Thus, if SRAC did not meet its deadline, the initial shares and the warrants owned by the Sponsor, its affiliates, and each of SRAC's officers and directors would be rendered worthless.

- 58. As the May 13, 2021 deadline drew closer, the financial pressure on the SRAC Individual Defendants to complete a qualifying business combination increased. Identifying a merger target, completing negotiations, finalizing merger documentation, and obtaining required shareholder approvals, is an extremely time consuming process that requires at least several months to complete. For example, discussions between SRAC and Momentus began in June 2020, but the Business Combination was not completed until August 2021. While this process was delayed by the SEC's investigation of SRAC and the need to renegotiate the terms of the proposed merger, even transactions that do not face these obstacles take several months to complete.
- 59. From SRAC's November 13, 2019 IPO through at least June 2020, SRAC identified and met with various potential target businesses, many of them in the cannabis industry, to discuss a possible business combination, yet none of these discussions resulted in the management of SRAC and a target companying entering into a merger agreement (other than the negotiations with Momentus). For example, SRAC's management team evaluated over 50 potential business combination targets, and entered into non-disclosure agreements with approximately 26 potential business combination targets (other than Momentus), none of which resulted in a deal.
- 60. By the time Defendant Kabot of SRAC was first introduced to Defendant Kokorich of Momentus on June 26, 2020, SRAC was running out of suitable target companies and running out of time in which to complete an acquisition by its May 2021 deadline.

61. As detailed below, the materialization of risks concealed from investors by Defendants, including ongoing national security and SEC investigations into Defendants, derailed Defendants' initial plans to complete the merger of SRAC and Momentus by early 2021. Beginning on or about March 25, 2021 Defendants undertook extensive efforts to obtain shareholder approval to extend their May 13, 2021 deal deadline by three months to August 13, 2021, and planned a May 6 vote on the extension proposal. Defendants failed to secure sufficient votes in favor of the extension by May 6, and so postponed the vote to May 13, which was still the last day for SRAC to complete a deal or liquidate. The proposal narrowly met its 65% approval requirement on May 13 with 66% of outstanding shares voting in favor. Even with the extended August 13, 2021 deadline Defendants faced extreme time pressure and financial incentives to complete a deal, and SRAC had no viable options to complete a deal apart from Momentus. After the end of the Class Period, on or about August 12, 2021 Momentus and SRAC completed their merger.

D. Background Of Momentus: A Space Industry Startup With No Revenue

- 62. Momentus was founded in 2017 in Santa Clara, California, by cofounders Defendant Kokorich and Lev Khasis. Kokorich served as Momentus's CEO from November 2017 until his abrupt resignation on January 25, 2021. At the time of the October 7, 2020 merger agreement announcement by SRAC and Momentus, and throughout most of the Class Period, among Momentus's largest beneficial owners were Defendant Kokorich and Olga Khasis, the spouse of cofounder Lev Khasis. At the time of the October 7, 2020 merger agreement announcement, key members of the Momentus management team included Defendant Kokorich, Defendant Harms, then serving as Momentus's Chief Revenue Officer, and Defendant Kennedy, Momentus's President.
- 63. The joint press release from Momentus and SRAC announcing their merger agreement on October 7, 2020, described Momentus as "a commercial space

- 64. At no time have Momentus's operations had any connection to the cannabis industry.
- 65. As SRAC and Momentus admitted in later SEC filings, as of October 2020 Momentus had never completed a commercial launch of customer cargo, and as a result had not recognized any revenue in its entire history from 2017 through the October 2020 merger announcement.

E. Momentus's Need For Cash Gave Its Management An Incentive To Conceal Problems That Might Prevent A Merger With SRAC

- 66. Since its founding in 2017, Momentus had been regularly incurring substantial losses. Momentus recorded worsening net losses of \$6.2 million for 2018, \$15.8 million for 2019, and \$15.4 million for just the six months ended June 30, 2020.
- 67. Due to its lack of any revenue and history of increasingly large losses, Momentus was entirely dependent for its continued existence on raising funds from investors. At the time of the October 2020 merger announcement, Momentus had already raised, and spent, tens of millions of dollars of investor capital.
- 68. In May 2020 Momentus received a \$970,000 loan under the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program, which required it to certify that "[c]urrent economic uncertainty makes this loan request necessary to support the ongoing operations of the Applicant."
- 69. As of June 30, 2020 Momentus's total liabilities were greater than its total assets. As of June 30, 2020 Momentus had \$10.7 million in cash on hand,

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which would not even be enough to continue its operations through the end of the year based on the rate of its losses in the first half of 2020.

- 70. Accordingly, the Momentus Individual Defendants had a strong incentive to conceal any problems that might prevent Momentus from completing a merger with SRAC and gaining access to its badly needed cash.
- 71. As later revealed in the SEC Complaint, by late 2019 Momentus was in constant fundraising mode. Beginning in early 2020, Defendant Kokorich had discussions with an investment bank in an effort to secure additional funding, and in mid-2020 Momentus formally engaged the bank and sought its assistance to find a suitable SPAC candidate for a merger. In addition to his discussions with SRAC, Kokorich had discussions with two other SPACs, both of which chose not to move forward with a merger with Momentus because Momentus was still at a relatively early stage and immature as a company.

V. UNDISCLOSED ADVERSE FACTS KNOWN TO DEFENDANTS DURING THE CLASS PERIOD

- A. The U.S. Government Determined That Momentus's Russian CEO Was A National Security Risk
- 72. Throughout the Class Period, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that the U.S. government had determined that Momentus's CEO, co-founder and major shareholder Defendant Kokorich presented a national security risk, which posed serious problems for Momentus and created a heightened risk that Momentus would not be granted regulatory approvals necessary for its operations.
- 73. Kokorich is a citizen of Russia. At no time has he been a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States. Kokorich has ties with persons and entities closely affiliated with the Russian government.
- 74. Kokorich co-founded Momentus with Lev Khasis, who from 2013 through present has been First Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board of

- Sberbank, which is the largest bank in Russia and which is owned by the Russian state. Sberbank is subject to U.S. sanctions imposed by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control in 2018 because Sberbank supported Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. Sberbank has been led from 2007 through present by its CEO and Chairman Herman Gref, who is reported to be close to Russia's autocratic leader Vladimir Putin. In a 2018 report to Congress, the Treasury Department named Gref on a list of "senior foreign political figures and oligarchs in the Russian Federation, as determined by their closeness to the Russian regime and their net worth."
- 75. Prior to his founding of Momentus, from 2012 on Defendant Kokorich founded and led a company called Dauria Aerospace, which had offices near Moscow, Russia and in Mountain View, California. Dauria Aerospace obtained contracts from the Russian state via the state-owned company Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities. Dauria Aerospace partnered with the Skolkovo Foundation, which purports to be a non-profit backed by the Russian state to support a scientific and technological center for the development and commercialization of advanced technologies. According to a warning published by the FBI's Boston office in 2014, the Skolkovo Foundation "may be a means for the Russian government to access our nation's sensitive or classified research, development facilities and dual-use technologies with military and commercial applications."
- 76. The parties to the SEC's ongoing litigation against Defendant Kokorich have filed various documents as exhibits in that litigation, which directly confirm Momentus's and Kokorich's knowledge of the U.S. government's national security concerns relating to Kokorich during the Class Period.
- 77. On March 22, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") sent an Export License Rejection Notice to Momentus (which was at that time operating under the name Space Apprentices Enterprise). See Exhibit 3. The Rejection Notice denied Momentus's application to provide to

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Defendant Kokorich "[t]echnology required for the use of electrothermal propulsion devices and thrusters," *i.e.*, the propulsion technology that formed the core of all of Momentus's planned services, and which Momentus advertised as its main competitive advantage. The Rejection Notice stated that the Department of Commerce had concluded that Kokorich "is not an acceptable recipient at this time of U.S.-origin items controlled for national security reasons." *See* Exhibit 3.

- On June 24, 2018, an attorney for Defendant Kokorich wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Treasury, Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS") regarding Kokorich's ownership of stock in another space industry company, Astro Digital U.S., Inc. ("Astro Digital"). See Exhibit 4. The letter was written to follow up on the attorney's recent phone conference with CFIUS personnel in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Defense regarding the same subject matter. Kokorich's attorney stated in the letter that "[d]uring the teleconference, CFIUS informed us that it is preparing to order the Kokoriches to divest their ownership interest in Astro Digital. According to your colleagues, CFIUS has concluded that the Kokoriches present a threat to the national security of the United States." The letter further stated that Kokorich was "well versed in U.S. export control and sanctions laws and regulations." See Exhibit 4. According to the letter, CFIUS' investigation relating to national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich had "now spanned almost two years," and prevented Astro Digital from being able to obtain new investment or funding. Defendant Kokorich's counsel listed Kokorich and his spouse as receiving copies of the letter.
- 79. On November 12, 2020, Momentus received a notification from the Office of National Security and Technology Transfer Controls within the BIS, informing Momentus that the U.S. Department of Commerce intended to deny Momentus' application for the deemed export of its "Vigoride" software and technology to Defendant Kokorich. *See* Exhibit 6. The notification stated that the Department of Commerce believed the denial "furthers the United States policy . . to

restrict the export of goods and technology which would make a significant contribution to the military potential of any other country or combination of countries which would prove detrimental to the national security of the United States." The notification further stated that the Department of Commerce made its determination in consultation with the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Energy. *See* Exhibit 6.

- 80. The U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Foreign Investment Review sent a letter dated January 13, 2021 to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the proposed merger between SRAC and Momentus. *See* Exhibit 7. According to admissions later made in SRAC's SEC filings, "On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense . . . stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination."
- 81. The January 13, 2021 letter stated that the Department of Defense "has concluded that Momentus presently poses a risk to national security and accordingly has requested appropriate governmental agencies conduct national security reviews," and that the Office of Foreign Investment Review would "continue to recommend that DoD places an indefinite hold on all Momentus' relationships with DoD." The letter stated that Kokorich's previous Dauria Aerospace company partnered with the Skolkovo Foundation, which the FBI assessed "may be a means for the Russian government to access our nation's sensitive or classified research." *See* Exhibit 7. The letter also noted national security concerns relating to Momentus' "complex and opaque foreign ownership structure [that] may not accurately reflect the ultimate beneficial owner of Momentus nor the true identity of financiers of Momentus." In particular, the letter noted that reported major Momentus

shareholder Olga Khasis was the wife of Lev Khasis, who was the "First Deputy Chairman of Russia's state-owned bank, Sberbank," and that Sberbank is on the Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control's "Sanctions List."

- 82. The Department of Defense's January 13, 2021 letter went on to state that the Department of Defense believed SRAC's November 2, 2020 S-4 filed with the SEC to be misleading regarding these and related national security issues, and that the "DoD is currently reviewing a 2019 federal investigation to determine if Mikhail Kokorich violated export control laws while serving as both an investor and executive in several satellite companies." *See* Exhibit 7. The letter concludes by stating that the Defense Department "concluded that Momentus' current proposal poses a risk to investors," and by requesting that the SEC "delay the IPO of Momentus in order to provide DoD and other government agencies the appropriate time to conduct further due diligence."
- 83. This Department of Defense letter appears to have prompted the SEC's investigation of Momentus, SRAC and the proposed merger. As SRAC admitted in later SEC filings, "[o]n January 24, 2021, [Momentus] received a subpoena from the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission . . . requesting documents regarding the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Amendment No. 1 thereto 1 . . . filed by SRAC in connection with the Business Combination." SRAC further admitted in other filings that "[i]n January 2021, the SEC's Division of Enforcement informed SRAC and Momentus that it was investigating certain disclosures made in filings with the SEC, including in connection with the Business Combination."
- 84. In addition to the foregoing documents filed in the SEC's ongoing litigation against Defendant Kokorich, the SEC revealed additional details regarding Kokorich's national security risks and related problems in the SEC Complaint and the SEC Order. According to the SEC Order's findings and the SEC Complaint's allegations, in June 2018 U.S. Customs and Immigration Services ("USCIS")

revoked Defendant Kokorich's work visa and denied his application for permanent resident status. In September 2018 Kokorich applied for asylum, claiming to be a prominent critic of the Russian government. On or about August 28, 2019, USCIS informed Kokorich that it had not granted his asylum application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings. USCIS based its determination on "inconsistencies" in Kokorich's application and testimony "with regard to [his] political affiliations and activities in Russia." On or about the same date, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the BIS's Office of Export Enforcement arrived unannounced at Momentus's headquarters, questioned multiple employees, and detained Kokorich and transported him to an immigration detention center after which he was released on bond. Kokorich was in the process of adjudicating the removal proceedings when he left the U.S. in January 2021.

- 85. The SEC Order and SEC Complaint also provide additional factual findings and allegations regarding the November 12, 2020 notification from the BIS informing Momentus that the it intended to deny Momentus' application for the deemed export of its "Vigoride" software and technology to Defendant Kokorich. See Exhibit 6. Momentus had filed this application in February 2020, and on April 15, 2020 Momentus learned that the application was placed on "hold without action" by the BIS reviewer. On October 7, 2020 a BIS representative emailed Momentus stating that the Departments of Defense and State would recommend denying the application, and two days later the same BIS representative further disclosed that the Department of Energy would also recommend denial. On October 23, 2020 the BIS representative emailed again to disclose that BIS's Operating Committee had determined to deny the license.
- 86. Throughout the Class Period Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants failed to disclose to investors the foregoing highly material known facts, that multiple U.S. government agencies had repeatedly concluded that Defendant

Kokorich was an unacceptable national security risk, which posed serious problems for Momentus's ability to carry out its planned operations in the space industry, which is very regulated and highly sensitive from a national security standpoint.

B. Momentus's Only Test Of Its Technology In Space Was A Failure

- 87. Throughout the Class Period, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that Momentus had only conducted one test of its technology in space, that this test was not completed due to an equipment failure, and that even if this test had been successfully completed it would not have demonstrated the commercial viability of Momentus's technology. As such, Momentus was highly unlikely to be able to develop and commercialize its technology on the aggressive timeline touted by Defendants in support of the merger.
- 88. The critical piece of technology that Momentus touted as a breakthrough and its key source of competitive advantage was the water plasma propulsion system that was to be the source of power to provide Momentus's advertised services of transporting satellites in space. This water plasma thruster was of primary importance to all of Momentus's plans and had to work in space in order for Momentus to generate any revenue.
- 89. Toward the end of the Class Period and afterward, under pressure from the SEC to correct their prior misstatements, Defendants admitted the severe shortcomings of the one and only in space test that Momentus ever attempted of this technology:

Our first-generation X-band thruster, which operates at 30 Watts, was flown aboard a demonstration mission called El Camino Real in mid-2019. During this mission, Momentus launched its first MET [microwave electrothermal thruster] into space as a hosted payload on a nanosatellite. The mission's objective was to demonstrate the MET's ability to produce water plasma in space by performing 100 one-minute firings . . . Failure of the host satellite in November 2019

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prematurely terminated the demonstration after only 23 of the planned 100 firings of the thruster had been performed . . .

- Momentus later confirmed the failure of this mission in a post-Class 90. Period press release, stating "The MET water plasma-based thruster was launched in July 2019 in a mission known as El Camino Real. The mission did not meet its prelaunch success criteria."
- 91. Momentus and its personnel including Defendants Kokorich and Harms were immediately aware of the premature end of the test due to the equipment failure. This failure was discussed in a November 26-27, 2019 email chain among six Momentus employees including Defendants Harms and Kokorich, as well as Momentus's Chief Engineer, with the subject line "Need El Camino Real Failure Review Board." See Exhibit 5. In that email chain, Momentus's Chief Technology Officer wrote, "[e]ven if we recover the spacecraft, at this point it is my judgement that we need to convene a failure review board." See Exhibit 5.
- 92. Defendants' end of Class Period admissions detailed further shortcomings of this one and only in space test, stating that of the 23 firings completed before the mission's failure, there were "12 hot firings with microwave power turned on and 11 cold firings with the microwave turned off," and that "a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasma-generation."
- Even for the three hot firings that had water present, Defendants 93. admitted that "pressure and temperature data did not provide sufficient information to either confirm or contradict plasma presence." However, Defendants went on to state "Momentus believes that the reflected power data collected during the three hot firings with water present to be sufficient to conclude that plasma was produced."
- Defendants went on to admit "issue[s]" and "weaknesses" revealed by 94. this test, stating "[t]he aforementioned pump issue and other observed weaknesses

from El Camino Real have informed our propulsion system design, pressure sensor selection and overall vehicle design process."

- 95. Furthermore, Defendants admitted that the technology they planned to commercially deploy was not the small, commercially useless test model thruster involved in the 2019 in space test, but a redesigned version that was supposed to generate many times more thrust, that would be needed for any commercial operations. While the 2019 test model was supposed to operate at 30 Watts, Defendants admitted that their planned commercial use thrusters were supposed to operate at powers of 550 Watts, 750 Watts, or more. Defendants further admitted that "the technology underlying Momentus's anticipated service offerings (including its water plasma propulsion technology) is still in the process of being developed and has not been fully tested or validated in space."
- 96. In addition to the foregoing admissions by the Defendants, the SEC revealed additional details regarding Momentus's failure to successfully test its technology in space in the SEC Complaint and the SEC Order. According to the SEC Order's findings and the SEC Complaint's allegations, a former Momentus officer stated that the thruster tested in the El Camino Real mission did not have "commercial potential" because it was "too small, too inefficient, too low in [specific impulse], too low in total impulse." A former Momentus officer stated that the mission yielded "no data to suggest that that thruster would deliver an impulse of any commercial significance." A Momentus engineer admitted that the mission did not yield sufficient data to demonstrate the propulsion system's reliability or longevity. The SEC also revealed that while the satellite used in the El Camino Real test is still in space, it is not functional.
- 97. The SEC Complaint and the SEC Order also confirm Defendant Kokorich's knowledge of these facts. Kokorich admitted he understood even before the launch that the mission was not designed to show that the thruster could provide a measurable change in velocity from thrust, to measure specific impulse, or to show

the thruster's reliability. In a February 2020 internal Momentus document sent to Defendant Kokorich, a Momentus engineer acknowledged that Momentus did not obtain "any useful mission results" from the launch.

98. Throughout the Class Period Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants failed to disclose to investors the foregoing highly material known facts, that Momentus's only test of its technology in space was not completed due to an equipment failure, and that even if this test had been successfully completed it would not have demonstrated the commercial viability of Momentus's technology.

C. Momentus's Wildly Excessive Revenue Projections Ignored Its National Security Risks And Unproven Technology

- 99. During the Class Period Defendants repeatedly emphasized to public investors their aggressive revenue projections for Momentus. For example, Defendants' projections issued as part of the October 7, 2020 deal announcement forecast \$2 million in 2020 revenue, \$19 million in 2021, and \$152 million in 2022, growing to over \$4 billion by 2027.
- 100. Because Momentus would only recognize revenue upon successfully providing its planned services in space, these forecasts were premised on the key assumptions that Momentus's technology would work as hoped in space, and that Momentus would be granted all of the many required regulatory approvals to conduct its operations and place its products on rocket launches. As such, Defendants' near-term revenue forecasts likewise depended on the critical assumption that Momentus would be allowed to participate in one rocket launch in 2020, and three more in 2021.
- 101. But, as detailed above in Section V.A, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew that the federal government had serious national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich which posed a high risk that Momentus would not receive regulatory approvals necessary to conduct its operations. And, as detailed above in Section V.B, Momentus and the Momentus

Individual Defendants knew that it had never successfully demonstrated the commercial viability of its technology in space which posed a high risk that its technology would not perform as hoped on its first ever commercial missions.

- 102. Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew of these serious risks to its planned operations and launch schedule, and likewise knew that their revenue projections ignored those risks and simply assumed that the federal government would grant Momentus all required regulatory approvals and that Momentus's technology would work in space as hoped. Defendants therefore knew that the best-case scenario assumptions they used in preparing Momentus's published financial projections were very likely to fail, and that the aggressive revenue projections based on those assumptions were highly unlikely to be achieved.
- 103. Taken together, the foregoing facts seriously undermined the accuracy of Defendants' revenue forecasts, and the failure to disclose these facts rendered the issuance of the forecasts and Defendants' related statements materially misleading. Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew their projections were based on unreasonable assumptions and therefore lacked any reasonable basis in fact.

D. SRAC Failed To Conduct Adequate Due Diligence

- 104. Throughout the Class Period, SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that they had conducted inadequate due diligence of Momentus that failed to follow up on known red flags regarding Defendant Kokorich's national security issues, and that failed to investigate the results of Momentus's only test of its technology in space.
- 105. SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants therefore knew that they lacked sufficient information to assess the truth or falsity of their own statements regarding regulatory risks facing Momentus, or the purported success of Momentus's one and only in space test of its technology. These Defendants

similarly knew that they lacked sufficient information to assess the truth or falsity of their own statements reiterating Momentus's aggressive revenue projections, because those projections were based on key assumptions that SRAC had never evaluated.

- 106. Toward the end of the Class Period and afterward, under pressure from the SEC to correct their prior misstatements, Defendants admitted facts showing that SRAC failed to reasonably investigate Momentus's claims regarding its technology.
- 107. Defendants admitted that "none of the directors or officers of SRAC are engineers or physicists, and therefore their views as to the technical and commercial viability of Momentus' technology relied on the review and conclusions of experts that SRAC engaged as part of its due diligence review, as well as the representations of Momentus' senior management."
- 108. Defendants further admitted that their technical advisors' review did not evaluate Momentus's claims to have successfully tested its technology in space, and was rushed to completion in only four weeks:

On September 1, 2020, SRAC engaged Stellar Solutions, a technology consulting firm, to assist with technical due diligence. Stellar Solutions' review, which resulted in a final report to SRAC in approximately four weeks, was designed to conduct an assessment encompassing technical capabilities, technical maturity, system and operational risks and concerns, as well as industry expert observations on market and competitive considerations for the services and business. Stellar Solutions did not conduct a review of the results of the 2019 demonstration mission called El Camino, based on its determination regarding the further development of the technology since that time and the additional ground testing that had been conducted by Momentus thereafter.

109. Defendants also admitted that members of the law firm, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, retained by SRAC in connection with the proposed merger and due diligence of Momentus, included investors in the Sponsor and its affiliate SRAC Pipe Partners LLC. Therefore, SRAC's attorneys assisting with due diligence were

not independent and objective, but shared the SRAC Individual Defendants' conflicts of interest based on their financial interests in the Sponsor. According to SRAC's SEC filings later in the Class Period, "[c]ertain partners of Kirkland & Ellis LLP are investors in the Sponsor and SRAC Partners."

- 110. In addition to the foregoing admissions by the Defendants, the SEC revealed additional details regarding the failure of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants to conduct adequate due diligence of Momentus in the SEC Complaint and the SEC Order.
- 111. The SEC Order found that SRAC did not specifically ask Stellar Solutions to review Momentus's El Camino Real mission, and Stellar Solution's report to SRAC made no mention of that mission.
- 112. The SEC Order also found that SRAC and Defendant Kabot conducted inadequate due diligence relating to national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich. SRAC and Defendant Kabot knew that CFIUS had required Kokorich to divest form another space technology company in 2018. During due diligence, SRAC received a copy of CFIUS's final order and repeatedly asked Momentus for correspondence and other documents that would describe the basis of the order. Momentus responded that it did not possess those documents. SRAC failed to obtain a full and complete understanding of the basis for the CFIUS order or its impact on Momentus's business.
- 113. In sum, SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants knew that they had failed to verify key information relating to Momentus's technology and Kokorich's national security risks, and that they were simply repeating to public investors unsupported assertions made to them by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

VI. DEFENDANTS MISLED INVESTORS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE MERGER

A. Defendants Announce The Merger Agreement And Misleadingly Hype Momentus's Prospects

- 114. On October 7, 2020, with time running out to complete a business combination before SRAC's May 13, 2021 deadline, SRAC and Momentus announced that they had entered into a merger agreement, pursuant to which the two companies would merge, SRAC stockholders would gain a proportionate interest in Momentus, Momentus would gain access to the \$172.5 million in SRAC's trust account (plus additional funds from a concurrent private placement), and Momentus would become a publicly traded company. The Defendants stated that completion of the proposed transaction was subject to approval by Momentus and SRAC shareholders, and was expected to be completed in early 2021.
- 115. On October 7, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a Form 8-K that contained further information about the proposed merger transaction. Among other things, the Form 8-K included as attachments a copy of the joint press release from SRAC and Momentus, a copy of the merger agreement, and an investor presentation about Momentus and the proposed merger. On the same day, Defendants conducted a public conference call to discuss the proposed merger and to provide further information to investors, and Defendant Kabot gave a televised interview on CNBC. Through these various channels, Defendants aggressively touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects.
- 116. Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements were materially false and/or misleading, and failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Momentus's business, operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose to investors that: (a) the federal government had determined Momentus's CEO, Defendant Kokorich, to be a threat to national security, (b) Momentus had never successfully tested its technology in space, (c) as a result, Defendants' projections of

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Momentus's future revenue were wildly overstated, and (d) SRAC's due diligence of Momentus was superficial, ignored red flags that demanded further investigation, and did not provide a reasonable basis for SRAC's statements about Momentus.

- 117. For example, nowhere in Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements did they mention that the federal government had raised national security concerns regarding Momentus's co-founder, major shareholder and CEO Defendant Kokorich, which had caused the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security to deny Momentus an export license, and which had caused the U.S. Treasury Department Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to order Kokorich to divest his ownership interests in another space industry company he had led.
- 118. In the press release announcing the Merger Agreement, SRAC and Momentus stated that, "[i]n 2019, the Company successfully tested its water plasma propulsion technology in space." However, the mission referred to failed before achieving its objectives, and did not even attempt to demonstrate the commercial viability of Momentus's technology.
- 119. Defendants ignored the substantial risks to Momentus's business posed by these national security concerns and the unproven status of its technology, and baselessly forecast revenues of \$2 million in 2020, \$19 million in 2021, increasing to over \$1 billion by 2024, and over \$4 billion by 2027, despite never having earned any revenue in the company's history to date.
- 120. And when Defendant Kabot went on television, in response to a question regarding the current "blank check bonanza," and "whether you think there's just too many" SPACs, he stated:

what I think is great for the investor is we did four months of due diligence. We spent a lot of money with some of the top service providers out there from Stellar Solutions to Kirkland and Ellis, from Orrick to Evercore to cantor completing our underwriting, right, we did four months of due diligence, which in a traditional ipo you would

never have the opportunity to do, so I think SPACs are very healthy for the market.

Defendant Kabot made these statements despite knowing that SRAC had failed to

undertake basic due diligence such as confirming whether Momentus's technology was actually successfully tested in space, or following up on red flags known to SRAC about national security issues relating to Defendant Kokorich.

121. In sum, from their very first public statements regarding the proposed merger on October 7, 2020, Defendants materially misled investors as part of their efforts to aggressively promote the deal and ensure its prompt closing.

B. Defendants Aggressively And Misleadingly Promoted The Proposed Merger Following Its Announcement

122. From Defendants' first public announcement of the proposed Merger on October 7, 2020 up to the SEC's July 13, 2021 announcement of the SEC Order and the filing of the SEC Complaint, Defendants aggressively and misleadingly promoted the proposed Merger and Momentus's business prospects in numerous public statements, in an apparent effort to build investor support for the Merger.

123. Throughout the Class Period Defendants falsely ignored and

downplayed the U.S. government's national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich. Defendants falsely told investors that Momentus had successfully tested

its technology in space. Defendants ignored national security and technological risks

to baselessly claim that Momentus could achieve explosive revenue growth,

beginning in only a matter of months. And Defendants falsely boasted of SRAC's purportedly "extensive" due diligence of Momentus.

124. SRAC filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 on November 2, 2020, which, similar to Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements, contained false and misleading statements and omissions regarding Momentus.

contained false and misleading statements and omissions regarding Momentus, SRAC's due diligence, and the proposed merger.

125. While SRAC's November 2, 2020 Registration Statement (and later amendments) recited certain potential risks that could arise in connection with the merger with Momentus, it provided no reasons to suspect that SRAC had failed to reasonably investigate such risks, or any indication that any of these potential risks had already substantially materialized. In short, SRAC's shareholders had no reason to doubt the Defendants' characterization of Momentus as a valuable business with a clear path to rapid and substantial revenue growth and profitability.

- 126. SRAC subsequently amended the Registration Statement four times during the Class Period on: December 14, 2020; March 8, 2021; June 29, 2021; and July 12, 2021. While certain of these amendments provided additional information regarding Momentus's national security problems, Momentus's failure to successfully test its technology in space, Momentus's financial projections, or SRAC's due diligence, each amended Registration Statement still omitted material information and failed to disclose sufficient information to fully reveal the truth to investors.
- 127. SRAC also filed with the SEC updated versions of the investor presentation relating to Momentus that had been initially filed on October 7, 2020. SRAC filed such updated investor presentations, each of which remained materially misleading for the above stated reasons, on October 13, 2020; November 17, 2020; December 14, 2020; April 7, 2021; and May 5, 2021.
- 128. Momentus issued a dozen promotional press releases during the Class Period, which touted Momentus's business and/or promoted the proposed Merger, for example by announcing customer "contracts" to deliver satellites to lunar orbits which Momentus had never attempted and lacked the technology to achieve.
- 129. Defendants gave interviews to public media outlets to misleadingly promote the proposed merger throughout the Class Period. For example, on January 4, 2021, simultaneously with Defendants' announcement that Momentus's launch schedule would be delayed in order to obtain regulatory approvals, Defendant

Kennedy gave an interview to IPO Edge in which he misleadingly reaffirmed Momentus's revenue projections and downplayed national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich. And on May 4, 2021 Defendants Kabot and Harms, along with Momentus Chief Technology Officer Rob Schwartz, gave another interview to IPO Edge, in which they continued to misleadingly tout Momentus's prospects and technology.

130. Defendants' statements throughout the Class Period regarding Momentus were apparently made as part of a public relations strategy to build investor support for the proposed Merger. As with Defendants' initial October 7, 2020 statements, Defendants' other Class Period statements misleadingly downplayed or ignored national security risks, touted Momentus's technology, made baseless financial projections, and falsely touted SRAC's purportedly extensive due diligence.

VII. THE TRUTH EMERGES, CAUSING SRAC'S STOCK PRICE TO PLUMMET

and Momentus was revealed to investors in a series of partial corrective disclosures and materializations of previously concealed risks. Over this period, Momentus and SRAC made several piecemeal partial disclosures of regulators' national security concerns relating to Momentus, resulting in the repeated postponement of its planned space missions, the resignation of Defendant Kokorich, and customers and suppliers abandoning Momentus. Over this period, Momentus and SRAC similarly made piecemeal partial disclosures relating to and as a result of the SEC's investigation into their misleading statements to investors, culminating in the SEC's announcement of the Cease and Desist Order and the filing of a civil enforcement action against Defendant Kokorich on July 13, 2021.

132. In response to SRAC's and Momentus's partial corrective disclosures and materializations of concealed risks over the January 4, 2021 to July 13, 2021

period, and ultimately in response to the SEC's revelations, SRAC's publicly traded stock price declined dramatically. While SRAC stock reached a Class Period intraday high of \$29.18 per share on February 10, 2021, on July 15, 2021 it closed at only \$10.38 per share.

A. January 4, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Launch Delay

- 133. On January 4, 2021, after the close of stock market trading, Momentus published a press release titled "Momentus Announces Move of Vigoride from January 2021 Mission; Will be Remanifesting to a Subsequent Launch," and SRAC publicly filed a copy of the press release with the SEC.
- 134. The press release stated in relevant part that Momentus "will be remanifesting its January 2021 mission to a subsequent launch opportunity in 2021. This move will allow for the additional time necessary to secure FAA approval of Momentus' payloads, including completion of a standard interagency review. "
- 135. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted a planned December 2020 or January 2021 mission to place customer satellites in space and test Momentus's technology in space. However, as partially revealed by the January 4, 2021 press release, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had begun to materialize, with a federal government agency denying an approval without which Momentus could not operate its business, and with the announcement of an ongoing "interagency review."
- 136. Following publication of this press release, on January 5, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$16.25 per share, 6.0% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing January 6, 2021 at a price of \$15.40 per share, representing a total loss of 10.9% since publication of the press release.

B. January 25, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Kokorich's Resignation

137. On January 25, 2021 before the open of stock market trading, Momentus published a press release titled "Momentus Names Dawn Harms Interim CEO," and SRAC publicly filed a copy of the press release with the SEC.

138. The press release disclosed that Defendant Kokorich had resigned effective immediately, and would be replaced by Defendant Harms as interim CEO. The press release stated in relevant part, "Momentus, in consultation with . . . Stable Road . . . has determined that accepting Mr. Kokorich's resignation is in the best interest of the Company, in an effort to expedite the resolution of U.S. government national security and foreign ownership concerns surrounding the Company, the existence of which the Company recently has confirmed." The press release quoted Defendant Kabot as stating, "We believe that this leadership transition will position the company for success and help accelerate regulatory reviews by the U.S. government." The press release stated that "Momentus and Stable Road are fully committed to cooperating with the U.S. government in connection with any regulatory reviews."

139. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted Defendant Kokorich's central importance to Momentus and its future plans. However, as partially revealed by the January 25, 2021 press release, the federal government had "national security and foreign ownership concerns" relating to Momentus. Also as partially revealed by the January 25 press release, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had further materialized, to the point that Momentus's CEO and co-founder was forced to resign, amid ongoing "regulatory reviews by the U.S. government."

140. Following publication of this press release, on January 25, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$23.68 per share, 4.7% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing

January 26, 2021 at a price of \$22.75 per share. And SRAC's stock continued to fall in the following trading session, closing January 27, 2021 at a price of \$20.10 per share, representing a total loss of 19.1% since publication of the press release.

C. March 8, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Governmental Investigations

- 141. On March 8, 2021 during stock market trading hours SRAC publicly filed with the SEC an amended Registration Statement on Form S-4/A.
- 142. The amended Registration Statement contained partial corrective disclosures, and revealed the further materialization of concealed risks, relating to the federal government's national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich. For example, the amended Registration Statement disclosed that:

On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense . . . stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination.

- 143. The amended Registration Statement similarly revealed that "after a series of communications with the FAA with respect to a license for the January 2021 mission, the FAA ultimately determined that it was unable to grant to SpaceX an approval of the Momentus payload for the SpaceX Transporter-1 launch in January 2021 due to national security and foreign ownership concerns regarding Momentus raised by the Department of Defense during an interagency review."
- 144. The amended Registration Statement further disclosed that Momentus had offered to undertake costly and time consuming "mitigation" efforts, that would adversely impact its business, in order to address the federal government's national security concerns:

These proposed mitigation measures include, among other things, the engagement of an independent professional to conduct an audit of Momentus' technology, adoption and implementation of a NSIT- or

ISO-compliant data security plan, and appointment of a security officer to oversee compliance with mitigation terms agreed with CFIUS. Momentus and SRAC indicated in the CFIUS notice that the proposed mitigation measures are not intended to be exhaustive or exclusive, and that they are committed to wholly addressing CFIUS's and its member agencies' national security concerns.

- 145. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus now did not expect to complete its first launch until June 2021, and that Momentus generally expected a more delayed schedule for launches and commercialization of its technology as compared to its prior forecasts.
- 146. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus's backlog of customer contracts fell from \$90 million to \$86 million. This represented the cancellation of \$4 million worth of customer contracts, and was a further materialization of concealed risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence, and the resulting significant delay in Momentus's planned launch schedule. Similarly, the amended Registration Statement deleted a statement from the prior version of the Registration Statement, which had said "[w]e were recently selected by Lockheed Martin to support its \$89.7 million contract from NASA's 2020 Tipping Point solicitation, to provide Satellite as a Service using our Vigoride vehicle for Lockheed Martin's payload," thus revealing that Lockheed Martin would no longer use Momentus for this mission.
- 147. The notes to Momentus's financial statements included in the amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus "has concluded there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date these financial statements are issued," due to its history of losses, need to obtain additional investment, and uncertainty surrounding its products and services. The substantial doubt about Momentus's ability to continue as a going concern represented a further materialization of risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed from investors, as delays in Momentus's

launch schedule and ability to generate revenue were directly caused by the federal government's national security review of Kokorich and Momentus.

- 148. The amended Registration Statement also revealed that "in January 2021, the SEC's Division of Enforcement informed SRAC and Momentus that it was investigating certain disclosures made in filings with the SEC, including in connection with the Business Combination. SRAC and Momentus are fully cooperating with the SEC's investigation and are unable to predict the outcome of the matter at this time."
- 149. Following publication of the amended Registration Statement, on March 8, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$12.50 per share, 8.0% lower as compared to its previous day closing price.

D. May 4, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Loss Of Customers

- 150. On May 4, 2021 during stock market trading hours representatives of SRAC and Momentus participated in a live broadcast interview with IPO Edge. The interview was accompanied by a modified version of Momentus's investor presentation. On May 5, 2021 SRAC publicly filed a transcript of this interview with the SEC on Form 425, along with a copy of the accompanying investor presentation.
- 151. The investor presentation was similar to presentations previously published by SRAC and Momentus. However, whereas prior presentations had touted \$90 million or \$86 million of "backlog" customer contracts, Defendants removed all backlog numbers from this new version of the presentation. The May 4, 2021 presentation contained slides titled "Momentus at a Glance" and "Significant Customer Traction and Expected Demand" that were substantially similar to slides included in prior presentations, with the exception that the prior versions contained specific backlog numbers which were now conspicuously absent from the May 4, 2021 presentation. Also conspicuously absent from the May 4, 2021 presentation was the inclusion of Lockheed Martin among the lists of customers included in prior

presentation versions. These changes to the investor presentation revealed to the market that Momentus continued to lose customers and backlog. This was a further materialization of concealed risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence, and the resulting significant delay in Momentus's planned launch schedule.

152. Following the broadcast of this interview and presentation, on May 4, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$11.08 per share, 6.7% lower as compared to its previous day closing price.

E. May 24, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Further Launch Delays

- 153. On May 24, 2021 during stock market trading hours SRAC publicly filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K.
- 154. The current report stated in relevant part "On May 23, 2021, Momentus informed Stable Road that it does not expect to fly any missions in 2021 and that this determination was based on information from SpaceX that it was suspending its Momentus-related efforts while Momentus works to secure approvals from the U.S. government . . . Momentus is in the process of updating its financial projections and backlog."
- 155. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted participation in multiple planned launches in 2021, even after they admitted to delays in the launch schedule in response to ongoing national security investigations. Defendants had likewise repeatedly touted SpaceX as a key partner important to Momentus's future plans and success. However, as partially revealed by the May 24, 2021 current report, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had further materialized, and Momentus would now not be able to participate in any launches in 2021, and so would not be able to generate any revenue from offering its services in space in 2021.

156. Similarly, from the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted the potential revenue from Momentus's customer order backlog, and aggressive revenue projections based on multiple launches occurring in 2021, but now admitted that these figures required "updating."

157. Following publication of this current report, on May 24, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$10.42 per share, 13.4% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing May 25, 2021 at a price of \$10.17 per share, representing a total loss of 15.5% since publication of the current report.

F. June 29, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Failed Technology Test And National Security Issues

158. On June 29, 2021 after the close of stock market trading SRAC publicly filed with the SEC an amended Registration Statement on Form S-4/A.

159. The amended Registration Statement contained partial corrective disclosures relating to Momentus's unproven technology. The amended Registration Statement disclosed that "the technology underlying [Momentus's] anticipated service offerings (including its water plasma propulsion technology) is still in the process of being developed and has not been fully tested or validated in space and may never have the capabilities or functionality in space that Momentus currently expects."

160. More specifically, the amended Registration Statement admitted that Momentus's sole in space test had not met its objectives and had encountered serious operational problems:

Our first-generation X-band thruster, which operates at 30 Watts, was flown aboard a demonstration mission called El Camino Real in mid-2019. During this mission, Momentus launched its first MET into space as a hosted payload on a nanosatellite. The mission's objective was to demonstrate the MET's ability to produce water plasma in space by performing 100 one-minute firings. The MET was instrumented with temperature, pressure and RF reflected power

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sensors to infer the presence of water plasma, which if detected, would indicate that the water propellant was flowing into the thrust chamber and radio frequency energy was being absorbed by the water. Failure of the host satellite in November 2019 prematurely terminated the demonstration after only 23 of the planned 100 firings of the thruster had been performed including 12 hot firings with microwave power turned on and 11 cold firings with the microwave turned off. While a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasmageneration, the three hot firings that did have water present were found to have produced plasma.

161. The amended Registration Statement also contained partial corrective disclosures, and revealed the further materialization of concealed risks, relating to the federal government's national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich. For example, the amended Registration Statement disclosed that:

On June 8, 2021, CFIUS' review of the joint notice relating to historical acquisitions of interests in Momentus by Mr. Kokorich, his wife, and entities that they control concluded when the Company entered into a National Security Agreement with Mr. Kokorich, on behalf of himself and Nortrone Finance S.A. (an entity controlled by Mr. Kokorich), Lev Khasis and Olga Khasis, each in their respective individual capacities and on behalf of Brainyspace LLC (an entity controlled by Olga Khasis), and the U.S. government, represented by the U.S. Departments of Defense and the Treasury (the 'NSA'). In accordance with the NSA, on June 8, 2021, Mr. Kokorich, Nortrone Finance S.A., Lev Khasis and his wife Olga Khasis, and Brainyspace LLC fully divested all the equity interests in Momentus owned or beneficially owned by them by selling such equity interests to Momentus. The NSA also establishes various requirements and restrictions on Momentus in order to protect national security, certain of which may materially and adversely affect the operating results of Momentus due to uncertainty associated with and the cost of compliance with security measures, and limitations on Momentus' control over certain U.S. facilities, contracts, personnel, vendor selection and operations.

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- 162. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus would have to pay Defendant Kokorich, Lev Khasis, and their affiliates, \$50 million in exchange for the repurchase of their interests in Momentus.
- 163. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus's National Security Agreement with the U.S. government imposed onerous and expensive requirements on Momentus, including that:

Under the NSA, we are required to hire and pay for the costs of a full time Security Officer who will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the NSA, an independent third-party monitor to monitor compliance with the NSA by the parties to the NSA, as well as an independent third-party auditor to regularly audit our compliance with the NSA. We are also required to establish: (i) a security plan to safeguard protected technical information, systems and facilities; (ii) a board-level Security Committee to oversee the development and implementation of policies and procedures to safeguard protected technical information, systems and facilities and to exercise appropriate oversight and monitoring of Momentus' operations to ensure that the protective measures contained in the NSA are effectively maintained and implemented; (iii) an audit plan; and (iv) a communications plan. We are also required to provide detailed and frequent reports to the third-party monitor. We will incur substantial costs to implement these and other requirements under the NSA, and we expect that substantial personnel time will need to be devoted to implement and comply with these requirements . . . These costs, requirements and restrictions may materially and adversely affect our operating results.

164. The amended Registration Statement revealed that, prior to the divestment by Kokorich, Khasis, and their affiliates, "the Federal Aviation Administration . . . recently denied one of our payload review applications due to interagency concerns related to our foreign ownership and corporate structure." Defendants similarly disclosed that "on May 10, 2021 . . . Momentus received a letter from the FAA denying Momentus' application for a payload review for the planned June 2021 launch based on the FAA's finding that its launch would jeopardize U.S. national security."

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165. The amended Registration Statement revealed further delays to Momentus's anticipated launch schedule:

Our first launch with customers is currently anticipated to occur in June 2022, subject to receipt of licenses and other government approvals and availability of slots on our launch provider's manifests. Prior planned launches were cancelled due to not receiving required licenses and other governmental approvals and other factors, and we can offer no assurances that our first launch will occur in June 2022.

And Defendants similarly admitted that "Momentus now anticipates sending its first two Vigoride vehicles into space in June 2022 . . . approximately 18 months later than had been contemplated at the time of our initial merger announcement."

166. Defendants further admitted in the amended Registration Statement that the national security concerns and resulting delays had led customers to abandon Momentus:

If we do not receive [government] approvals in a timely manner, our financial condition, results of operations, backlog and prospects will be materially adversely affected. For example, we have experienced erosion in our backlog of \$86 million as of March 4, 2021 to \$66 million as of June 11, 2021 as customers chose to cancel their contracts with us and seek alternative providers due to delays in our scheduled missions as we await receipt of necessary governmental approvals.

167. The amended Registration Statement revealed that SRAC and Momentus had amended their merger agreement, to reflect the fact that Momentus was only half as valuable as Defendants had previously represented to public investors:

On June 29, 2021, SRAC, Momentus and the other parties to the Merger Agreement entered into an amendment to the Merger Agreement to, among other things, reduce the enterprise valuation of Momentus from \$1.131 billion to \$566.6 million due to regulatory delays which have resulted in delays in the closing of the Business Combination and Momentus' launch schedule. As a result of these delays, Momentus has updated its financial projections.

- 168. The amended Registration Statement disclosed dramatic downward revisions to Momentus's prior revenue projections. For example, Defendants now admitted Momentus had no revenue in 2020, projected no revenue for 2021, and projected only \$5 million in revenue for 2022, in addition to dramatic downward revisions in all later years as well. Defendants admitted, "[i]n general, projected revenue and gross profits have shifted forward by 18 months."
- 169. The amended Registration Statement admitted that Momentus's revenue projections "are based on assumptions about Momentus' ability to fully develop, test and validate its technology in space, including its water plasma propulsion technology, and assumes that Momentus can obtain the necessary licenses and regulatory approvals from the U.S. government for its missions on a timely basis."
- 170. The amended Registration Statement further admitted that, "Momentus has incurred significant losses since inception, it expects to incur losses in the future and it may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability."
- 171. Finally, the amended Registration Statement admitted regarding the ongoing SEC investigation:

On January 24, 2021, the Company received a subpoena from the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission . . . requesting documents regarding the Registration Statement . . . filed by SRAC in connection with the Business Combination. Most recently, the Company has entered into settlement discussions with the Division of Enforcement in an effort to resolve a potential enforcement action.

172. Following publication of the amended Registration Statement, on June 30, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$13.97 per share, 4.7% higher as compared to its

previous day closing price.⁶ However, this increase occurred because on June 29, 2021 Defendants simultaneously released news that was positive for SRAC's public shareholders, in addition to the above described negative news in the form of corrective disclosures and materialization of concealed risks.

173. The June 30, 2021 increase in stock price was caused by the revised deal terms announced on June 29. SRAC's public investors now stood to obtain a 19.4% interest in Momentus following the proposed merger, whereas previously they would only have obtained a 12.5% interest. This 55.2% increase in the interest to be received by SRAC's public stockholders should have, all else being equal, resulted in a commensurate increase in SRAC's publicly traded stock price. That SRAC's stock price increased by only 4.7% shows the market's severe negative reaction to the June 29 revelations regarding Momentus's technology, national security related risks, and downward revision of Momentus's financial projections.

G. July 13, 2021 Publication Of The SEC Order And SEC Complaint

- 174. On July 13, 2021, the SEC published the SEC Order, publicly filed the SEC Complaint, and issued a related press release.
- 175. As detailed above in Section V, the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint revealed material additional facts, not previously disclosed, regarding Momentus's unproven technology, Defendant Kokorich's national security risks, and SRAC's deficient due diligence, which corrected Defendants' prior false and misleading statements and omissions.
- 176. Furthermore, by revealing the grave deficiencies in SRAC's due diligence process, the SEC revealed to the market that there was an elevated risk

⁶ For the avoidance of doubt, Plaintiff does not claim to have suffered an out of pocket economic loss on June 30, 2021, but rather alleges the facts in this Section VII.F in order to show Defendants' June 29, 2021 admissions and the market's strongly negative reaction to those admissions.

that other material, undisclosed problems existed at Momentus, that SRAC's deficient due diligence had failed to discover.

177. In addition, the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint were the further materialization of the risks concealed from investors by Defendants. Defendants' own false statements had created the risk that regulatory action would be taken against them, and would adversely affect the future prospects of SRAC and Momentus through, *inter alia*, penalties, additional compliance burdens, and reputational damage.

178. Among the requirements of the SEC Order, consented to by Defendants Momentus, SRAC, the Sponsor, and Kabot, were that: (i) SRAC shall pay a \$1 million penalty, (ii) Kabot shall pay a \$40,000 penalty, (iii) Momentus shall a \$7 million penalty, (iv) each of Momentus, SRAC, the Sponsor, and Kabot shall cooperate with SEC interviews in any related proceedings, (v) Momentus shall create an independent board committee to ensure compliance with the SEC order and implement disclosure controls, (vi) Momentus shall retain and pay for an independent compliance consultant approved by the SEC, who will conduct comprehensive ethics and compliance reviews, (vii) Momentus shall adopt and implement all recommendations of the independent compliance consultant, (viii) Momentus and SRAC shall allow certain private placement investors to terminate their investment agreements, and (ix) the Sponsor shall forego 250,000 founder shares in SRAC to which it was otherwise entitled.

179. Following the publication of the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint, on July 14, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$10.66 per share, 10.3% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing July 15, 2021 at a price of \$10.38 per share, representing a total loss of 12.6% since publication of the SEC Order and SEC Complaint.

VIII. DEFENDANTS MADE MATERIALLY FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS

A. Misleading Pre-Class Period Public Statements

- 180. In several pre-Class Period public statements, available to public investors during the Class Period, Defendants claimed that Momentus's water plasma propulsion system had been successfully tested in space, and that its commercial viability had been demonstrated by this in space test.
- 181. Momentus, through its launch partner Astro Digital US, Inc., publicly filed a report with the Federal Communications Commission dated September 11, 2018, relating to Momentus's planned initial in space test mission. In connection with that submission, Momentus and Astro Digital publicly filed a document titled "Form 442, Technical Question 6 Response," which stated under the heading "Mission Summary":

The Momentus X1 microwave electrothermal thruster (MET) spacecraft mission is a commercial demonstration of a propulsion system to exhibit its applicability to small spacecraft . . . The mission will demonstrate the reliability, longevity, performance, and utility of the microwave-based plasma propulsion system, which utilizes water as a propellant. A propulsion system suitable for 16U CubeSat vehicles or larger that is cost-effective enables more orbital maneuverability for a large class of space vehicles. Areas where this could be of benefit include orbital debris removal missions, collision avoidance, beyond-LEO missions, and smallsat deorbiting.

182. The same document, under the heading "Specific objectives of the Research Project," stated:

The research objectives of this project are: . . . To demonstrate that microwave electrothermal thrusters provide cost-effective high delta V capability to SmallSats via orbital maneuvering. This mission will show that this particular system is mature enough to be used by the small satellite market, and can be quickly and easily integrated with CubeSats as well as larger, more capable spacecraft. This provides an immediate low-cost mechanism for a wide range of space vehicles to integrate with a low risk profile.

183. In a January 14, 2019 blog post on the Momentus website discussing this initial in space test flight, Momentus claimed:

The purpose of El Camino Real will be to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors, and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that when they sign up for a Momentus Space service, it will be on time, safe and reliable. We will be flying our high performance X-Band (10 GHz)microwave electrothermal thruster with enough water propellant that we will be able to run the thruster long enough to fully characterize its performance in space with dozens of stop start cycles and then safely de-orbit the vehicle.

184. In a September 25, 2019 article titled "Momentus reports success in testing water plasma propulsion," published by the space industry publication Space News, Defendant Kokorich is quoted as stating:

The on-orbit testing has demonstrated for the first time that microwave electrothermal plasma technology has the potential to achieve high specific impulse using water propellant . . . Water plasma propulsion is now technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions.

- 185. The article further quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating, "[t]he purpose of the El Camino Real mission was to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that Momentus will deliver their payloads to a given orbit."
- 186. These statements, combined with Defendants' Class Period public statements touting the "successful" in space test of Momentus's technology, materially misled investors regarding the purposes and results of Momentus's one and only in space test. As detailed in Section V.B, *supra*, Momentus's only in space test was a failure, and it was not designed to demonstrate, and was not capable of demonstrating, the commercial viability of Momentus's technology.

B. October 7, 2020 Merger Agreement Announcement

187. The Class Period begins on October 7, 2020 when Defendants announced the proposed merger between SRAC and Momentus in communications including: (i) a joint press release from SRAC and Momentus, (ii) an investor presentation prepared by Momentus and filed with the SEC by SRAC, (iii) a conference call with Defendants Kabot and Kokorich participating, the script for which was filed with the SEC by SRAC, and (iv) a televised interview with Defendant Kabot on CNBC, the transcript of which was filed with the SEC by SRAC. SRAC filed these documents with the SEC as exhibits to current reports signed by Defendant Kabot.

1. National Security Risks

- 188. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "The Company plans to launch its first Vigoride vehicle in December 2020 with commercial customers and four to five Vigorides in 2021."
- 189. The investor presentation presented a timeline under the heading "First Mover with Rapid Progress To Date," forecasting four launches by the end of 2021.
- 190. In the television interview, Defendant Kabot stated regarding Momentus's launch schedule:

Our first commercial launch will be in December 2020 with SpaceX. We have a pretty full vehicle of satellites to deliver. And then we have a phenomenal launch cadence for 2021 going up with SpaceX in February, June, and December 2021. We actually have one and a half vehicles already booked for December 2021. So pretty aggressive launch cadence with SpaceX.

191. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kokorich as saying "I am the Founder and CEO of Momentus . . . We are a first mover in offering space transportation and infrastructure services, powered by our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology." The conference call script further quotes Defendant

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Kokorich as saying that Momentus "will be conducting our first flight with customers in December 2020."

- 192. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating, "Momentus is at the forefront of the new space economy and is poised to capitalize on the significant growth opportunity as a first mover." The press release further quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating "[w]e expect to deploy the proceeds of this transaction to support our rapid growth and operations, and to support our capital needs as we ramp up revenues."
- 193. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant Kabot as stating "As the only public, pure-play commercial space company capable of revolutionizing space infrastructure, Momentus is poised to capitalize on its market-defining position."
- 194. The investor presentation stated, "Exceptional Team Led By Visionary Founder," prominently featuring a picture of Defendant Kokorich, who it described as a "Visionary space entrepreneur and innovator," and who it identified as Momentus's CEO and founder. The presentation also stated under the heading "Momentus Opportunity," "Well-seasoned team with experience in aerospace, propulsion and robotics piloted by visionary leader and innovator," in reference to Defendant Kokorich.
- 195. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kabot as stating, "[w]ith its visionary founder, highly experienced management team, progress to date and significant commercial traction, Momentus is set to revolutionize and enable the future of the space economy."
- 196. The statements in ¶¶188-95 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, supra, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the

federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

197. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶188-95 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus and regarding Momentus's planned launch schedule lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Momentus's Technology

- 198. The investor presentation under the heading "Company Overview," stated, "Groundbreaking water propulsion technology that significantly reduces costs and is reusable," and "Successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 is still operational today."
- 199. In the television interview, Defendant Kabot stated "we had a very successful test launch, the vehicle is still flying around in space, which is great."
- 200. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "Momentus offers its customers significantly more affordable access to space by combining the capabilities of low-cost launch vehicles and Momentus' transport and service vehicles, powered by water plasma propulsion technology . . . In 2019, the Company successfully tested its water plasma propulsion technology in space."
- 201. The investor presentation presented a timeline under the heading "First Mover with Rapid Progress To Date," reflecting the "El Camino test flight" in 2019.

- 202. The investor presentation presented a slide titled "Cornerstone Water Propulsion Innovation" which stated "High ISP . . . 2 to 5 times any chemical propulsion system" and "High thrust . . . 10 times higher than most electric propulsion."
- 203. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating, "The technologies we've developed or built upon, including our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion, will support growing demand from the booming satellite industry with affordable, versatile and low risk transportation and infrastructure services."
- 204. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kokorich as saying, "We are building upon last year's successful in-space test of our water plasma propulsion and will be conducting our first flight with customers in December 2020." The script also quotes Defendant Kokorich as stating, "We are a first mover in offering space transportation and infrastructure services, powered by our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology." The script further quotes Defendant Kokorich stating:

At the heart of our vehicles is our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology, which uses simple water as a propellant. Our system was designed to be safe, inexpensive and offer an excellent mix of thrust and efficiency. Our thruster is more efficient than conventional chemical propulsion and has higher thrust than electric propulsion, such as Hall-effect thrusters.

205. The statements in ¶¶198-204 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.B, *supra*, regarding Momentus's in space test failure. These undisclosed adverse facts directly contradicted Defendants' claims to have successfully tested Momentus's technology in space, and rendered Defendants'

statements about the properties and commercial readiness of this technology materially misleading.

206. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶¶198-204 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding the results of this mission and the commercial readiness of Momentus's technology lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

3. Financial Projections

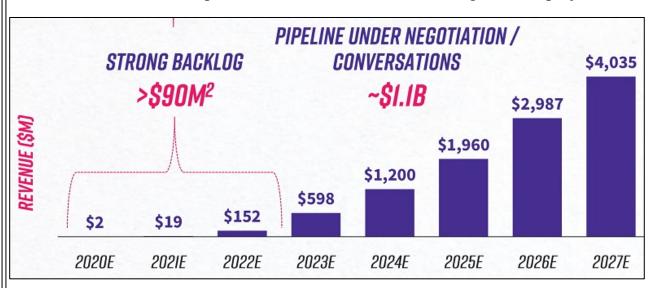
- 207. The investor presentation stated under the heading "Transaction Highlights," "No additional capital needs expected prior to achieving profitability."
- 208. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "As of September 30, 2020, the Company had customer contracts which represent approximately \$90 million in potential revenue over the next several years."
- 209. The investor presentation contained a slide titled "Significant Customer Traction and Expected Demand," which stated, "Signed Contracts >\$90M."
- 210. In the television interview, the interviewer asked, "I read that the company has contracts for \$90 million in potential revenue I should not, potential over the next several of years, what kind of risk is involved in those kind of forecasts?" Defendant Kabot responded "That \$90 million is fully contracted and then a portion are options that are written into the agreements."
- 211. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "Combined company will have an estimated enterprise value of approximately \$1.2 billion"

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212. The investor presentation contained the following revenue projections:



- 213. The investor presentation repeated these revenue projections under the heading "Clear Path to Profitability and >\$1B in EBITDA."
- 214. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kokorich as stating that "we believe that our financial projections assume a conservative market capture," and further stating:

Commercially, we have seen strong market traction. Our customers include defense primes such as Lockheed Martin, government agencies such as NASA, and dozens of small satellite manufacturers and operators. Our backlog encompasses the initial and early deployment of our customers' constellations, and we expect our backlog with existing customers will grow by many multiples as we plan to serve the rollout of our customers' constellations. We have several substantial opportunities currently in negotiation or in discussions, worth more than \$1 billion of additional potential revenue.

We expect good margin expansion over the next few years and we are projecting that we will be profitable by 2023 and operating at or near run-rate margins by 2025. On a run rate basis, we expect gross margins of around 70%, and EBITDA margins of 60%.

215. The statements in ¶¶207-14 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements

not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

216. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶207-14 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

4. **Due Diligence**

217. In the television interview, the interviewer asked, "Speaking of SPACs right, I came into this segment saying blank check bonanza, SPAC-a-palooza . . . I'm wondering what you make of it and whether you think there's just too many." Defendant Kabot responded:

I think it's very healthy, right . . . And what I think is great for the investor is we did four months of due diligence. We spent a lot of money with some of the top service providers out there from Stellar Solutions to Kirkland and Ellis, from Orrick to Evercore to cantor completing our underwriting, right, we did four months of due diligence, which in a traditional ipo you would never have the opportunity to do, so I think SPACs are very healthy for the market.

218. The statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶217 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Momentus, their statements touting their due diligence process were materially misleading.

C. October 13, 2020 Updated Investor Presentation

- 219. On October 13, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an updated version of the investor presentation filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020.
- 220. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentation as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

D. November 2, 2020 Registration Statement

221. On November 2, 2020, SRAC filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot, Defendant Norris, and by each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

1. National Security Risks

222. The registration statement stated that, "[u]pon the consummation of the Business Combination, the Company's co-founder, Mr. Kokorich, will serve as Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Combined Company." The registration

- 223. The registration statement stated that "[w]e plan to launch the first iteration of our pioneer transport vehicle, Vigoride, in December 2020, followed by five vehicles in 2021. All of our flights, beginning in December 2020, will have paying customers onboard." The registration statement similarly stated that "Vigoride's first commercial mission is planned to launch in December 2020, followed by launches in April 2021, June 2021, and December 2021."
- 224. The registration statement stated that, "restrictions on the ability of foreign persons to invest in us could limit our ability to engage in strategic transactions that could benefit our stockholders."
- 225. The registration statement stated that "it is possible that Mr. Kokorich's controlling interests in the Company, or perceptions surrounding Mr. Khasis and his affiliation with Sberbank, could make it more difficult to obtain CFIUS approval in connection with future potential investments by the Company in U.S. businesses." The registration statement further stated that:

With respect to any investment by Momentus that is within CFIUS's jurisdiction . . . CFIUS could block the consummation of an acquisition or investment within its jurisdiction or could order divestiture after the transaction is completed. Recently, a number of stockholders of a U.S. company, including Mr. Kokorich, divested their interests in such company pursuant to an order by CFIUS.

226. Regarding Momentus's application to the BIS for an export license to provide its technology to Defendant Kokorich, the registration statement stated that:

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We have been pursuing a BIS license since early 2018 to authorize the deemed export of the Company's controlled technology to Mr. Kokorich, but we have not yet been able to obtain such a license, and there is no assurance we will ever be able to obtain such a license in the future. If we continue to operate without such a license, Mr. Kokorich will continue to be unable to access this controlled technology for as long as he remains a non-US person. While we believe that if the current restrictions on Mr. Kokorich's access to controlled technology remain in place, we will be able to continue to operate our business without any material adverse impact on us, it is possible that these restrictions could in the future lead to complications or other issues that may have a material adverse impact on our operations.

227. Regarding Defendant Kokorich's immigration status, the registration statement stated that:

Momentus' co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mikhail Kokorich, who will be the Chief Executive Officer of the Combined Company, is a citizen of the Russian Federation who is seeking asylum in the United States and is authorized to work in the United States while his asylum application is pending. While Momentus believes Mr. Kokorich's application will be granted, if for any reason it is not, he may not be able to remain in the United States, which could make it difficult for him to perform his duties as Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company and the Combined Company, which would adversely impact us.

228. The statements in ¶¶222-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

 229. In addition, the statements in ¶¶224-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made because the risk warnings presented as mere hypothetical risks adverse events that had already materialized; and the risk warnings failed to disclose specific facts concerning regulatory actions involving Defendant Kokorich, as detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, that were necessary for investors to understand the magnitude and/or probability of the risks at issue.

230. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶¶222-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Momentus's Technology

- 231. The registration statement stated that, "Momentus has developed a portfolio of technologies, including its cornerstone water plasma propulsion technology, which it successfully tested in space in 2019."
- 232. The registration statement stated that "[o]ur revolutionary water plasma propulsion technology provides a unique competitive advantage for our vehicles and services," and that "[w]e view this technology as ground-breaking, as it can achieve considerable propulsive thrust level while maintaining high ISP, which enables a shorter duration of missions, an enhanced reach, and excellent payload mass ratio."
- 233. The registration statement reproduced a slide from the SRAC/Momentus investor presentations previously published on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020, which slide was titled "Cornerstone Water Propulsion

system" and "High thrust . . . 10 times higher than most electric propulsion."

Innovation," and which stated "High ISP . . . 2 to 5 times any chemical propulsion

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234. The registration statement, under the heading "Competitive Advantage

A key space-specific barrier to entry is flight heritage. Ultimately the only way to assess the reliability of a product, such as satellites or launch services, is by seeing a history of successful results, which in turn influences insurance rates and customers' perceptions. Therefore, we believe that our status as a first mover will offer a substantial competitive advantage as we continue to build flight heritage ahead of competitors.

235. The statements in ¶231-34 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.B, supra, regarding Momentus's in space test failure. These undisclosed adverse facts directly contradicted Defendants' claims to have successfully tested Momentus's technology in space, and rendered Defendants' statements about the properties and commercial readiness of this technology materially misleading.

236. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶¶231-34 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding the results of this mission and the commercial readiness of Momentus's technology lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

3. Financial Projections

237. The registration statement stated that, "The Combined Company will have an anticipated initial enterprise value of \$1.2 billion, implying a 1.0x multiple of 2025 projected EBITDA as Momentus' operations are expected to achieve scale."

238. The registration statement stated that, "we have received significant interest from a wide range of different customers across different satellite applications. Our current signed backlog (as of November 1, 2020) is worth approximately \$90 million in potential revenue and continues to increase, while our pipeline consists of approximately \$1.1 billion in potential contracts in negotiation or early conversations."

239. The registration statement contained the following revenue projections:

Management Forecasted Financials ⁽¹⁾																
(\$ in millions)	2020E		2021E		20	2022E		2023E		2024E	2025E		2026E		2027E	
Satellite Transportation Services ⁽¹⁾	\$	2	\$	19	\$	122	\$	435	\$	852	\$ 1,0	89	\$ 1,45	3	\$	1,717
Satellite as a Service ⁽¹⁾		_		_		30		153		319	7	21	1,19	2		1,650
In-Orbit Services ⁽¹⁾		_		_		_		10		29	1	50	34	3		669
Revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$	2	\$	19	\$	152	\$	598	\$	1,200	\$ 1,9	60	\$ 2,98	7	\$	4,035
(%) Growth		NM		809%		718%		293%		101%		63%	5	2%		35%

240. The registration statement claimed that "in the view of Momentus' management," these projections "reflect[] to the best of management's knowledge and reasonable belief at the time of preparation, the expected course of action and the expected future financial performance of Momentus as of the date of preparation."

241. The statements in ¶¶237-40 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial

projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

242. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶¶237-40 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

4. Due Diligence

243. Regarding SRAC's due diligence, the registration statement stated that:

During the period between the execution of the Confidentiality Agreement and the execution of the Merger Agreement on October 7, 2020, SRAC and its advisors conducted extensive due diligence with respect to Momentus' financial model, customer base and customer contracts, total addressable market, industry in which Momentus operates, companies comparable to Momentus and aero-defense with similar characteristics, technology companies solutions. intellectual property and relationship with SpaceX. Momentus provided representatives of SRAC and its advisors with, among other materials in connection with SRAC's diligence review, confidential presentations reflecting an overview of Momentus' business, as well as financial forecasts and written responses to detailed business and financial due diligence questions.

244. The registration statement further stated that, "[r]epresentatives of each of SRAC and Momentus, as well as each of their advisors, met telephonically

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several times throughout July, August and September 2020 to discuss disclosure requests and responses in connection with SRAC's diligence review."

- 245. The registration statement further stated that, "[o]n September 1, 2020, SRAC engaged Stellar Solutions to assist with technical due diligence, including with respect to Momentus' R&D strategy, vehicle development to date, testing progress and competitive market positioning," and that "[f]rom September 25, 2020 until signing on October 7, 2020, SRAC had multiple teleconferences and email exchanges with representatives of K&E, Stellar Solutions, RSM and certain of its other advisors regarding the results of their due diligence review of Momentus and any outstanding areas of their due diligence review."
- 246. The registration statement stated that in deciding to approve the merger agreement, SRAC's board of directors "considered the scope of the due diligence investigation conducted by SRAC's management and outside advisors and evaluated the results thereof," including "extensive meetings and calls with the Momentus management team," "review of materials related to Momentus made available by Momentus, including . . . export control and security matters," "review of financial due diligence materials prepared by professional advisors," "technical diligence by a third party systems engineering service provider with significant experience in system and subsystem design and propulsion technology," and "discussions with industry experts."
- 247. The statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶243-46 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Momentus, their statements touting their due diligence process were materially misleading.

E. November 17, 2020 Analyst Day Presentation

- 248. On November 17, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an "analyst day" presentation which was substantially similar to the investor presentations previously filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020.
- 249. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this analyst day presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentations (with the exception that the November 17, 2020 analyst day presentation omitted the "Transaction Highlights" slide) as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

F. December 14, 2020 Amended Registration Statement And Updated Investor Presentation

- 250. On December 14, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained an updated investor presentation which was substantially similar to the investor presentations previously filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020, and to the analyst day presentation previously filed by SRAC on November 17, 2020.
- 251. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentations as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.
- 252. On December 14, 2020, SRAC also filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's

board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The amended registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants. The amended registration statement was substantially similar to the version previously filed by SRAC on November 2, 2020.

- 253. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this amended registration statement were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published registration statement (with the exception that Momentus's planned inaugural commercial mission was postponed from December 2020 to January 2021) as detailed in Section VIII.D, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.D and V.
- 254. In addition, the December 14, 2020 amended registration statement added new misleading statements regarding Momentus's application to the BIS for an export license to provide its technology to Defendant Kokorich, stating "notwithstanding the restrictions on Mr. Kokorich's access to export-controlled materials, Momentus has been able to secure contracts with customers ranging from private space companies to established U.S. space industry entities such as NASA and Lockheed Martin."
- 255. In discussing Momentus's BIS application, the amended registration statement further stated, "Mr. Kokorich is pursuing several paths to U.S. Person status, and we believe that he meets all of the legal requirements to be granted such status in the United States. Momentus is also continuing to pursue appropriate export licensure for Mr. Kokorich."
- 256. The statements in ¶¶254-55 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to

Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Kokorich U.S. Person status.

257. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶¶254-55 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus, whether he would be granted U.S. Person status, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

G. January 4-5, 2021 Press Release And Interviews

258. On January 4, 2021 Momentus issued a press release, which SRAC filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot. Also on January 4, 2021, IPO Edge published an interview with Defendant Kennedy, which SRAC filed with the SEC. On January 5, 2021 Forbes published an interview with Defendant Kokorich, which SRAC filed with the SEC.

1. National Security Risks

259. In the press release, Momentus stated regarding regulatory approvals and its launch schedule that:

[Momentus] will be remanifesting its January 2021 mission to a subsequent launch opportunity in 2021. This move will allow for the additional time necessary to secure FAA approval of Momentus' payloads, including completion of a standard interagency review. Momentus currently holds all other necessary licenses for its Vigoride

vehicle. The Company has booked several additional launches with SpaceX between June and December of 2021.

260. The press release quoted Defendant Kennedy as stating, "We will

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261. The IPO Edge interviewer asked Kennedy, "What caused the delays?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied in relevant part: The most recent shift (from January 2021 to a subsequent launch in 2021) came about as result of a delay in the Federal Aviation

Administration's (FAA's) approval of Momentus' spacecraft. The

FAA did not express any specific concerns of its own, but rather indicated that more time was needed to complete its interagency review of Momentus' payload.

262. The IPO Edge interviewer asked, "What is the nature of this interagency review, and is this the first time you are undergoing such a review?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied:

We are quite familiar with interagency review processes, and we have cleared similar reviews for our other licenses. For example, we recently cleared an interagency review as part of our effort to obtain a license from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to allow the operation of our spacecraft's camera. While we discuss interagency reviews in our S-4, these reviews are a standard part of various license application processes, allowing multiple government agencies – the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of State, NASA, and others - to examine the applications from their individual perspectives.

263. The IPO Edge interviewer asked, "You state in your S-4 that interagency review may include a review of foreign ownership. Is that a concern for Momentus?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied:

NOAA and its partner agencies have already reviewed Momentus' foreign ownership – this review was completed to the satisfaction of these agencies, as evidenced by NOAA's issuance of a license.

Momentus is approximately 74% U.S.-owned today, and this U.S.-majority ownership is expected to increase to approximately 84% upon the company's merger with Stable Road. This merger is on target to close in the first quarter of 2021 (subject to approval of Stable Road's and Momentus' stockholders and other closing conditions, including a registration statement being declared effective by the SEC). We also mention in our S-4 that Mikhail Kokorich, the CEO of Momentus and one of the company's larger shareholders, is an asylum seeker from the Russian Federation, currently pursuing several paths to U.S. Person status. We believe that Mr. Kokorich meets all legal requirements to be granted such status in the United States, and that he will be offered U.S. citizenship, further increasing U.S. ownership of Momentus.

- 264. The IPO Edge interviewer asked, "In addition to the FAA approval, are there any other approvals/licenses Momentus still needs in order to launch Vigoride?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied, "No, Momentus currently holds all necessary licenses for its Vigoride vehicle."
- 265. The Forbes interviewer asked Kokorich, "Who is your biggest inspiration?", to which Defendant Kokorich replied:

My source of inspiration is the story of Igor Sikorsky, a great Russian-American inventor, aviator and entrepreneur. I found a lot of commonalities in his life and my own. He became famous and successful in the Russian Empire, where he built the largest plane in the world, and finally ran from the Bolshevik regime of Soviet Russia to the United States. He created a large aerospace company and became the inventor of a new class of flying machines: helicopters, the possibility of which was predicted by the great Leonardo Da Vinci.

266. The statements in ¶¶259-65 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as

Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

267. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶¶259-65 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Financial Projections

- 268. In the press release, Momentus stated that "The Company reaffirms its expectation of 2021 revenue as detailed in its December 2020 investor presentation."
- 269. The Press release quoted Defendant Kennedy as stating, "We anticipate that by launching our first Vigoride vehicle on a subsequent mission, we will still achieve our revenue expectations for 2021 while delivering our customers' payloads to orbit."
- 270. The IPO Edge interviewer asked Defendant Kennedy, "How will the new launch date impact your 2021 revenue?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied, "The number of launches did not change. Rather than launching in January, we will launch this particular vehicle at our first opportunity, later this year. Hence, we do not expect changes to our total revenue for 2021."

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271. The Forbes interviewer asked Kokorich, "Why did you choose the SPAC route to going public? What are the benefits of this versus the traditional IPO route?", to which Defendant Kokorich replied:

During the SPAC merger process, a company can communicate its plans and projections to the market, which is challenging to do during the IPO process. This is especially valuable for fast-growing companies, who place a lot of value in future growth. Additionally, a company can negotiate and test its valuation during the PIPE process before the deal becomes public and the company goes to market. PIPE is common for SPAC deals, and it also signals to the market that the valuation was negotiated with professional and reputable investors.

- 272. The statements in ¶268-71 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, supra, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.
- 273. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶¶268-71 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

H. January 25, 2021 Press Release

274. On January 25, 2021 Momentus issued a press release, which SRAC filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot. The press release announced that Momentus's "Board of Directors has appointed Dawn Harms, the Company's Chief Revenue Officer, as a director and interim CEO effective immediately, following the resignation of director and founding CEO Mikhail Kokorich."

- 275. The press release stated, "Momentus, in consultation with [SRAC], has determined that accepting Mr. Kokorich's resignation is in the best interest of the Company, in an effort to expedite the resolution of U.S. government national security and foreign ownership concerns surrounding the Company, the existence of which the Company recently has confirmed."
- 276. The press release quoted Defendant Kabot as stating, "We believe that this leadership transition will position the company for success and help accelerate regulatory reviews by the U.S. government . . . We have full confidence in Dawn and the team to lead the Company to reach both near-term targets and achieve even greater success over the longer-term."
- 277. The statements in ¶274-76 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.
- 278. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶¶274-76 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material

facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

I. March 8, 2021 Amended Registration Statement

279. On March 8, 2021, SRAC filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The amended registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

280. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this amended registration statement regarding Momentus's technology, financial projections, and SRAC's due diligence were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions regarding these subjects as contained in the previously published versions of the registration statement as detailed in Section VIII.D, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.D and V.

281. In addition, the amended registration statement disclosed regarding Defendant Kokorich's resignation:

On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD") stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures

relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination. In an effort to expedite the resolution of these U.S. Government concerns, on January 23, 2021, Mr. Kokorich resigned as Momentus' Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Momentus.

282. The amended registration statement described Kokorich's relinquishment of voting rights in his Momentus stock as part of efforts to overcome the U.S. government's national security concerns:

As contemplated by the CFIUS notice, on March 1, 2021, each of (i) Mr. Kokorich (and Nortrone Finance S.A. ("Nortrone"), which is wholly owned and controlled by Mr. Kokorich and his wife (collectively, the "Kokorich Parties")), and (ii) Brainyspace LLC ("Brainyspace") (the beneficial owner of which is Olga Khasis, a U.S. citizen and wife of Lev Khasis, a co-founder and former director of Momentus who is a legal permanent U.S. resident and also a Russian citizen), relinquished their ability to direct the voting of any shares in Momentus through the implementation of trust structures and certain voting arrangements.

- 283. The amended registration statement disclosed that Kokorich planned to remain a shareholder of Momentus for several years, stating "The Kokorich Parties and Brainyspace have agreed with Momentus that they will fully divest their shares by March 1, 2024, or as required by CFIUS."
- 284. The amended registration statement discussed Momentus's planned launch schedule, stating "Vigoride's first two commercial missions are planned to launch in June 2021, followed by a mission in August 2021 and three additional missions in December 2021."
- 285. The statements in ¶¶281-84 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the

federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

286. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶¶281-84 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

J. April 7, 2021 Preliminary Proxy Statement And Updated Investor Presentation

287. On April 7, 2021, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an updated version of the investor presentations previously published by SRAC and Momentus. Also on April 7, 2021, SRAC filed with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement on Form 14A, signed by Defendant Kabot, to postpone its May 13, 2021 deal deadline.

288. The false and misleading statements and omissions relating to Momentus's technology that were contained in the updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions on that subject contained in the previously published investor presentations as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

1. National Security Risks

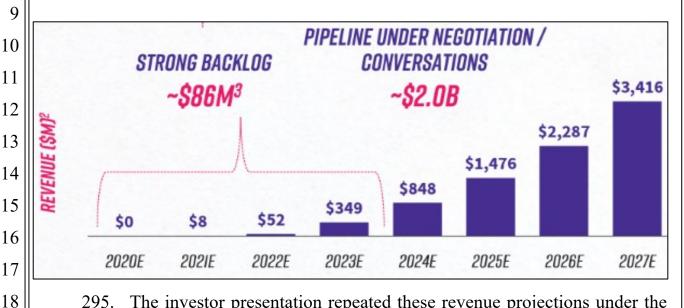
289. The preliminary proxy statement stated regarding Momentus's efforts to resolve regulatory concerns, "Momentus has undertaken several important actions in an effort to further accelerate the resolution of these concerns," including "The entry into trust structures and certain voting arrangements providing for the complete relinquishment of the ability to direct the voting of shares of Momentus by Mr. Kokorich and Mr. Khasis and/or their associated entities," and "Arrangements providing for the complete divestment of shares of Momentus by Mr. Kokorich and Mr. Khasis and/or their associated entities by March 1, 2024 or as required by CFIUS."

- 290. The preliminary proxy statement stated, "Momentus' first launch of customer payloads is currently anticipated to occur in June 2021 on a SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket," and further stated that "Momentus still plans to build and launch six Momentus vehicles in 2021 in three launches."
- 291. The investor presentation likewise contained a timeline forecasting Momentus's launch of six Momentus vehicles in 2021 in three launches.
- 292. The statements in ¶289-91 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.
- 293. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶289-91 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to

disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Financial Projections

294. The investor presentation contained the following revenue projections:



- 295. The investor presentation repeated these revenue projections under the heading "Clear Path to Profitability and >\$1B in EBITDA."
- 296. The investor presentation contained a slide titled "Significant Customer Traction and Expected Demand," which stated "Current Backlog of Potential Revenue ~86M."
- 297. The statements in ¶¶294-96 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial

projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

298. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶¶294-96 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

K. May 4-5, 2021 Updated Investor Presentation

299. On May 4, 2021 representatives of SRAC and Momentus (including Defendants Kabot and Harms, in addition to Momentus's Chief Technology Officer Rob Schwarz) participated in a live broadcast interview with IPO Edge. The interview was accompanied by a modified version of Momentus's investor presentation. On May 5, 2021 SRAC publicly filed a transcript of this interview with the SEC on Form 425, along with a copy of the accompanying investor presentation.

300. The false and misleading statements and omissions relating to Momentus's technology that were contained in the investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions on that subject contained in previously published investor presentations, as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

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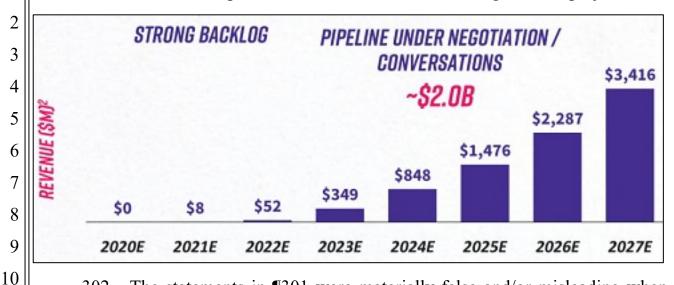
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The investor presentation contained the following revenue projections: 301.



The statements in ¶301 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, supra, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

303. In addition, the statements of SRAC in ¶301 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, its statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

L. June 29, 2021 Amended Registration Statement

304. On June 29, 2021, SRAC filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The amended registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

305. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this amended registration statement regarding SRAC's due diligence were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions regarding these subjects as contained in the previously published versions of the registration statement as detailed in Section VIII.D, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.D and V.

IX. ADDITIONAL SCIENTER ALLEGATIONS

306. As alleged herein, Defendants acted with scienter since Defendants knew that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the names of SRAC and Momentus were materially false and/or misleading; knew that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such statements or documents as primary violations of the federal securities laws.

307. As alleged herein, the Individual Defendants, by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding SRAC and Momentus, their control over, and/or receipt and/or modification of SRAC's and Momentus's allegedly materially misleading misstatements and/or their associations with SRAC and Momentus which made them privy to confidential proprietary information

concerning SRAC and Momentus, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged herein.

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SRAC And The SRAC Individual Defendants Knew Or Recklessly A. **Disregarded The Falsity Of Their Statements**

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The positions of the SRAC Individual Defendants give rise to a strong inference of their scienter with respect to issues relating to the proposed merger and SRAC's due diligence. Defendant Kabot was SRAC's CEO. Defendant Norris was SRAC's CFO. Defendant Quiroga was SRAC's Chief Investment Officer. Defendant Hofmockel was a director of SRAC.

- 309. The SRAC Individual Defendants repeatedly held themselves out as knowledgeable regarding the operational details of SRAC and Momentus and the subject matter of the various misrepresentations and omissions alleged herein, which gives rise to a strong inference of their scienter.
- 310. Defendants Kabot, Quiroga, and Hofmockel repeatedly and directly participated in SRAC's due diligence of Momentus, and so knew first-hand the limitations of SRAC's due diligence, and the falsity of Defendants' related statements to investors. For example, among the many instances of their involvement in the due diligence process, as admitted in SRAC's SEC filings:
- "On August 13, 2020, Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga visited (a) Momentus' headquarters for an in-person management presentation and facility tour. During the day, they met with key members of management, discussed their backgrounds and roles at the company, performed additional due diligence and toured the facility."
- "On August 14, 2020, Mr. Kabot, Mr. Quiroga, representatives (b) of Evercore and members of the Momentus management, including Rob Schwarz (Chief Technology Officer), Mr. Mitchell and Alexander Fishkin (Chief Business Affairs and Legal Officer), had a due diligence teleconference to discuss Momentus' intellectual property and other related topics. Also on August 14, 2020, Mr. Kabot,

3 Compliance Officer), had another due diligence teleconference to discuss

Momentus' commercial contracts and related topics. On August 26, 2020, Mr.

Kabot, Mr. Quiroga and representatives of Evercore had a teleconference to discuss

6 the due diligence calls SRAC had with Momentus."

- (c) "On August 26, 2020, Mr. Kabot, Mr. Quiroga and Mr. Kokorich had a meeting to discuss certain details of the proposed business combination, including hiring Jikun Kim as the chief financial officer of Momentus, the process for drafting and negotiating definitive documentation, the PIPE Investment, the management equity incentive plan for the Combined Company including the proposed CEO Option Grant, diligence and the composition of the board of directors following the closing."
- (d) "On September 2, 2020, the SRAC board of directors had a call to discuss the potential business combination. During this call, Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga provided the other directors an update on progress with respect to diligence, definitive documentation and the potential PIPE investment."
- (e) "On September 10, 2020, Mr. Quiroga and representatives of Evercore had a teleconference with representatives of Stellar Solutions to discuss SRAC's engagement of Stellar Solutions to assist in technical diligence of Momentus."
- (f) "On September 18, 2020, Messrs. Quiroga, Hofmockel and representatives of K&E, RSM US LLP ('RSM') and Stellar Solutions had a teleconference to provide updates on the due diligence process and their diligence findings to date."
- (g) "On September 21, 2020, the SRAC board of directors had a call to discuss progress in the initial business combination. Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga provided a detailed update to the board regarding progress on the PIPE investment,

- (h) "On September 25, 2020, Messrs. Kabot, Quiroga, Hofmockel and Ms. Harms had a call to discuss certain areas of business due diligence, including customer contracts, backlog and deal pipeline."
- 311. During and leading up to the Class Period SRAC was an extremely small organization. SRAC had three officers (Defendants Kabot, Norris and Quiroga) and no full-time employees. This allowed the SRAC Individual Defendants to have in-depth knowledge of all aspects of SRAC's operations.
- 312. Prior to the Business Combination, SRAC had no business operations of its own, and its sole purpose was to enter into a merger. Therefore, the business combination with Momentus was SRAC's core, and indeed only, operation, which gives rise to a strong inference of the SRAC Individual Defendants' scienter with respect to issues relating to Momentus.
- 313. The SRAC Individual Defendants possessed strong personal financial motives to complete the merger between SRAC and Momentus, and therefore to cover up problems with SRAC's due diligence and problems at Momentus, and to misleadingly tout the merger and inflate Momentus's apparent future prospects. For example, as of December 11, 2020, the Sponsor and its affiliate owned SRAC stock and warrants with an aggregate market value of approximately \$80.9 million, which would be rendered worthless if the merger was not approved. These securities were reported as beneficially owned by Defendants Quiroga and Kabot, and each of the SRAC Individual Defendants were directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. As the directors and/or officers of SRAC the SRAC Individual Defendants had ample opportunity to control SRAC's public statements regarding the proposed merger.
- 314. That the SRAC Individual Defendants do not appear to have sold SRAC securities during the Class Period does not negate a strong inference of their

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scienter. It is a customary condition of SPAC mergers, necessary to market the SPAC to prospective investors, that the SPAC's directors, officers, and substantial shareholders must enter into lock-up agreements whereby they agree not to sell SPAC securities until a given amount of time has passed from the completion of a merger with a target company. SRAC's Sponsor and SRAC's executive officers and directors, including the SRAC Individual Defendants, entered into such a lock-up agreement with SRAC in which they agreed not to sell SRAC securities until six months after the closing of SRAC's merger with a target company. SRAC's merger with Momentus was not completed until on or about August 12, 2021, well after the truth had been revealed about SRAC and Momentus and the artificial inflation had been removed from SRAC's security prices. Therefore, due to the federal government's intervention to reveal the truth to investors and due to the SRAC Individual Defendants' lock-up agreement, the SRAC Individual Defendants did not have the opportunity to sell SRAC securities at an artificial profit. That the federal government intervened to foil the SRAC Individual Defendants' fraudulent scheme before it came to fruition does not negate a strong inference of their scienter.

- 315. The scienter of the SRAC Individual Defendants is imputable to SRAC because they were directors and/or officers of SRAC acting within the scope of their authority.
- 316. The misrepresentations and omissions of SRAC as alleged herein are of such a nature that they would have been approved by corporate officials sufficiently knowledgeable about SRAC to know that those statements and omissions were misleading.
 - B. Momentus And The Momentus Individual Defendants Knew Or Recklessly Disregarded The Falsity Of Their Statements
- 317. The positions of the Momentus Individual Defendants give rise to a strong inference of their scienter with respect to issues relating to the proposed merger, Momentus's technology, Momentus's national security risks, and

- 318. The Momentus Individual Defendants repeatedly held themselves out as knowledgeable regarding the operational details of Momentus and the subject matter of the various misrepresentations and omissions alleged herein, which gives rise to a strong inference of their scienter.
- 319. As alleged herein, some or all of the Momentus Individual Defendants were directly involved in issues relating to Momentus's 2019 in space test, national security risks, and financial projections, and so knew first-hand the falsity of Defendants' related statements to investors.
- 320. Defendant Kokorich was directly and substantially involved in preparing and disseminating to investors false information about Momentus as alleged herein. Defendant Kokorich knew that information he provided to SRAC and its representatives would be repeated to investors in connection with the proposed merger. As revealed by the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint:
- (a) Prior to the execution of the merger agreement, Momentus and Defendant Kokorich told SRAC and Defendant Kabot that the El Camino Real mission was a success, but did not inform them of any internal concerns or shortcomings with the in-space test. Defendant Kokorich and Momentus never shared with SRAC and Defendant Kabot material internal analyses about the El Camino Real mission's failure.
- (b) Defendant Kokorich told Defendant Kabot prior to signing the merger agreement that he had a strong case for political asylum, and that he also had a second path to U.S. citizenship if for any reason the asylum application was not granted. Defendant Kokorich did not tell Defendant Kabot that the USCIS had previously issued a referral notice saying that it had not granted his asylum

application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings.

- (c) Defendant Kokorich assured Defendant Kabot that the CFIUS divestiture order regarding his other space technology company was closed, and that it was a different situation from his Momentus ownership. Defendant Kokorich asserted that the issues CFIUS raised in the prior matter had to do with other investors, not specifically him.
- (d) Defendant Kokorich participated in the preparation of the November and December 2020 S-4 registration statements, and specifically the subsections of the S-4 statements that described or contained information about Momentus. In his role as CEO, Defendant Kokorich generally reviewed and approved Momentus's portion of the registration statements. Defendant Kokorich also helped to draft what he described as the technology and business or market strategy sections of the S-4 statements. Each registration statement contained a subsection titled, "Information about Momentus," that Momentus drafted. Defendant Kokorich reviewed and approved these subsections before they were provided to SRAC for inclusion in the registration statement. Momentus also drafted the "Risk Factors" subsection and provided it to Stable Road for inclusion in the registration statement. Defendant Kokorich reviewed and did not correct the "Risk Factors" subsection.
- 321. During and leading up to the Class Period Momentus was a small organization. As of November 2, 2020 Momentus had only 82 employees, which allowed the Momentus Individual Defendants to have in-depth knowledge of all aspects of Momentus's operations.
- 322. At all relevant times the business of Momentus has centered on its water plasma propulsion technology. Therefore, matters relating to Momentus's water plasma technology such as whether it had been successfully tested in space,

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were core operations for Momentus, and give rise to a strong inference of the scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants with respect to these issues.

323. At all relevant times, Momentus required regulatory approvals to conduct its planned operations, and operated exclusively in the heavily regulated space industry, which industry is highly sensitive with respect to national security. At all relevant times up until his abrupt resignation in January 2021, Defendant Kokorich was the key person behind Momentus, as its co-founder, CEO and leader. Therefore, matters relating to Defendant Kokorich's national security issues and Momentus's regulatory approvals were core operations for Momentus, and give rise to a strong inference of the scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants with respect to these issues.

The Momentus Individual Defendants possessed strong personal financial motives to complete the merger between SRAC and Momentus, and therefore to cover up problems with SRAC's due diligence and problems at Momentus, and misleadingly tout the merger and inflate Momentus's apparent future prospects. For example, leading up to the proposed merger Momentus had no revenue, was losing money at a rapid rate, and needed substantial investment capital to survive and continue to pay compensation to the Momentus Individual Defendants. In addition, Defendant Kokorich and Defendant Harms had substantial ownership interests in Momentus that would become much more valuable and liquid upon completion of a merger with SRAC. As of November 2, 2020 SRAC disclosed that, as a result of their ownership of Momentus securities, Defendant Kokorich was expected to beneficially own 19.3 million shares (approximately 14% of the total outstanding) and Defendant Harms was expected to beneficially own over 100,000 shares of the combined company after the closing of the merger. As the directors and/or officers of Momentus the Momentus Individual Defendants had ample opportunity to control Momentus's public statements regarding the proposed merger.

- 325. That the Momentus Individual Defendants do not appear to have sold SRAC securities during the Class Period does not negate a strong inference of their scienter, because the Momentus Individual Defendants did not own SRAC securities during the Class Period. Rather, the Momentus Individual Defendants' motives as alleged herein pertained to inducing SRAC and its investors to complete a merger with Momentus. SRAC's merger with Momentus was not completed until on or about August 12, 2021, well after the truth had been revealed about SRAC and Momentus and the artificial inflation had been removed from SRAC's security prices. Therefore, due to the federal government's intervention to reveal the truth to investors and due to the Momentus Individual Defendants' lack of prior ownership of SRAC securities, the Momentus Individual Defendants did not have the opportunity to sell SRAC securities at an artificial profit. That the federal government intervened to foil the Momentus Individual Defendants' fraudulent scheme before it came to fruition does not negate a strong inference of their scienter.
- 326. As alleged above, Defendant Kokorich was personally involved in the fraud alleged herein. Kokorich co-founded Momentus in 2017 and served as its CEO and director. Kokorich abruptly resigned from Momentus and fled to Switzerland in January 2021 amid increasing governmental scrutiny of national security concerns relating to him, and amid the resulting delays in Momentus's heavily touted launch schedule, which scrutiny and delays represented the materialization of risks that Defendants had concealed from investors. As such, Kokorich's departure closely following the materialization of these risks is strongly indicative of his and Momentus's scienter.
- 327. The scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants is imputable to Momentus because they were directors and/or officers of Momentus acting within the scope of their authority.
- 328. The misrepresentations and omissions of Momentus as alleged herein are of such a nature that they would have been approved by corporate officials

sufficiently knowledgeable about Momentus to know that those statements and omissions were misleading.

X. LOSS CAUSATION

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- 329. Defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged herein, directly and proximately caused the economic loss suffered by Plaintiff and the Class.
- 330. Throughout the Class Period, as detailed herein, Defendants made materially false and/or misleading statements and/or omissions. This course of wrongful conduct caused the price of SRAC securities to be artificially inflated. But for Defendants' misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class would not have purchased SRAC securities or would not have purchased such securities at artificially inflated prices. Later, when Defendants' prior misrepresentations and/or omissions were disclosed to the market, the price of SRAC securities fell significantly as the prior artificial price inflation was dissipated. As a result of their purchases and/or acquisition of SRAC securities during the Class Period, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered economic loss, i.e. damages, under the Exchange Act. The timing and magnitude of the decline in the prices of SRAC's securities negates any inference that the economic losses and damages suffered by Plaintiff and other members of the Class were caused by changed market conditions, macroeconomic factors, or company-specific facts unrelated to Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 331. As detailed in Section VII, *supra*, the truth regarding SRAC and Momentus was revealed to the market and/or the previously concealed risks materialized through a series of partial disclosures, which removed the artificial inflation in SRAC securities prices and caused economic loss to Plaintiff and the Class.

XI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

332. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a class, consisting of all persons and

entities that purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC securities between October 7, 2020 and July 13, 2021, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"), seeking to recover compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of SRAC and Momentus, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

- 333. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, SRAC's shares actively traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Millions of SRAC shares were traded publicly during the Class Period. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from records maintained by SRAC or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.
- 334. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.
- 335. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation.
- 336. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

- (a) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged herein;
- (b) whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class Period omitted and/or misrepresented material facts about the business, operations, and prospects of SRAC and Momentus;
- (c) whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and misleading SEC filings and public statements during the Class Period;
- (d) whether the prices of SRAC's securities during the Class Period were artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of herein; and
- (e) whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the proper measure of damages.
- 337. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation makes it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

XII. APPLICABILITY OF PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE (FRAUD-ON-THE-MARKET DOCTRINE)

338. The market for SRAC's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at all relevant times. As a result of the materially false and/or misleading statements and/or failures to disclose, SRAC's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period. Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC's securities relying upon the integrity of the market price of SRAC's securities and market information relating to SRAC, and have been damaged thereby.

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- 339. At all relevant times, the market for SRAC's securities was an efficient market for the following reasons, among others:
- SRAC shares met the requirements for listing, and were listed (a) and actively traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market, a highly efficient and automated market;
- As a regulated issuer, SRAC filed periodic public reports with (b) the SEC and/or the Nasdaq Capital Market;
- SRAC's securities were liquid and traded with substantial (c) volume during the Class Period; and
- (d) SRAC regularly communicated with public investors via established market communication mechanisms, including through regular dissemination of press releases on the national circuits of major newswire services and through other wide-ranging public disclosures, such as communications with the financial press and other similar reporting services.
- 340. As a result of the foregoing, the market for SRAC's securities promptly digested current information regarding SRAC from all publicly available sources and reflected such information in SRAC's share price. Unexpected material news about SRAC was rapidly reflected in and incorporated into SRAC's stock price during the Class Period.
- 341. Plaintiff and members of the Class purchased and/or sold SRAC's securities between the time the Defendants failed to disclose or misrepresented material facts and the time the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the omitted or misrepresented facts. The misrepresentations and omissions alleged would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of SRAC's securities
- 342. Under these circumstances, all purchasers of SRAC's securities during the Class Period suffered similar injury through their purchase of SRAC's securities

at artificially inflated prices, and Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to a presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.

343. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to the presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128 (1972), as Defendants omitted material information in their Class Period statements in violation of a duty to disclose such information, as detailed above. The Class's claims are, in large part, grounded on Defendants' material omissions. Because this action involves Defendants' failure to disclose material adverse information regarding SRAC's and Momentus's business operations and financial prospects—information that Defendants were obligated to disclose—positive proof of reliance is not a prerequisite to recovery. All that is necessary is that the facts withheld be material in the sense that a reasonable investor might have considered them important in making investment decisions. Given the importance of the Class Period material misstatements and omissions set forth above, that requirement is satisfied here

XIII. NO SAFE HARBOR

344. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint. The statements alleged to be false and misleading herein all relate to then-existing facts and conditions. In addition, to the extent certain of the statements alleged to be false may be characterized as forward looking, they were not identified as "forward-looking statements" when made and there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements. In the alternative, to the extent that the statutory safe harbor is determined to apply to any forward-looking statements pleaded herein, Defendants are liable for those false forward-looking statements because at the time each of those forward-looking statements was made, the speaker had actual knowledge that

the forward-looking statement was materially false or misleading, and/or the forward-looking statement was authorized or approved by an executive officer of SRAC and/or Momentus who knew that the statement was false when made.

XIV. CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

Violation Of Section 10(b) Of The Exchange Act And Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder Against Defendants Momentus, SRAC, Kokorich, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, And Hofmockel

- 345. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 346. During the Class Period Defendants Momentus, SRAC, Kokorich, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, and Hofmockel (the "Count I Defendants") made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading.
- 347. During the Class Period, the Count I Defendants carried out a plan, scheme and course of conduct which was intended to and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; and (ii) cause Plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase SRAC's securities at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, the Count I Defendants, and each the Count I Defendant, took the actions set forth herein.
- 348. The Count I Defendants (i) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and (iii) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of SRAC's securities in an effort to maintain artificially high market prices for SRAC's securities in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and

Rule 10b-5. All the Count I Defendants are sued either as primary participants in the wrongful and illegal conduct charged herein or as controlling persons as alleged below.

- 349. The Count I Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use, means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the mails, engaged and participated in a continuous course of conduct to conceal adverse material information about SRAC's and Momentus's financial well-being and prospects, as specified herein.
- 350. The Count I Defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, while in possession of material adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices, and a course of conduct as alleged herein in an effort to assure investors of SRAC's and Momentus's value and performance, which included the making of, or the participation in the making of, untrue statements of material facts and/or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made about SRAC, Momentus, and their business operations and future prospects in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, as set forth more particularly herein, and engaged in transactions, practices and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of SRAC's securities during the Class Period.
- 351. For each of Defendants Kokorich, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, and Hofmockel, primary liability and controlling person liability arise from the following facts: (i) these Defendants were high-level executives and/or directors at SRAC or Momentus during the Class Period and members of SRAC's or Momentus's management team or had control thereof; (ii) each of these Defendants, by virtue of their responsibilities and activities as a senior officer and/or director of SRAC or Momentus, was privy to and participated in the creation, development and reporting of SRAC's and/or Momentus's internal budgets, plans, projections and/or reports; (iii) each of these Defendants enjoyed significant personal contact and

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familiarity with the other Defendants and was advised of, and had access to, other members of SRAC's and/or Momentus's management team, internal reports and other data and information about SRAC's and/or Momentus's finances, operations, and sales at all relevant times; and (iv) each of these Defendants was aware of SRAC's and/or Momentus's dissemination of information to the investing public which they knew and/or recklessly disregarded was materially false and misleading.

352. The Count I Defendants had actual knowledge misrepresentations and/or omissions of material facts set forth herein, or acted with reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed to ascertain and to disclose such facts, even though such facts were available to them. Such Defendants' material misrepresentations and/or omissions were done knowingly or recklessly and for the purpose and effect of concealing SRAC's and Momentus's financial well-being and prospects from the investing public and supporting the artificially inflated price of SRAC's securities. As demonstrated by the Count I Defendants' overstatements and/or misstatements of the SRAC's and Momentus's business, operations, financial well-being, and prospects throughout the Class Period, these Defendants, if they did not have actual knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions alleged, were reckless in failing to obtain such knowledge by deliberately refraining from taking those steps necessary to discover whether those statements were false or misleading.

353. As a result of the dissemination of the materially false and/or misleading information and/or failure to disclose material facts, as set forth above, the market price of SRAC's securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. In ignorance of the fact that market prices of SRAC's securities were artificially inflated, and relying directly or indirectly on the false and misleading statements made by the Count I Defendants, or upon the integrity of the market in which the securities trade, and/or in the absence of material adverse information that was known to or recklessly disregarded by the Count I Defendants, but not disclosed in public statements by Defendants during the Class Period, Plaintiff and the other

members of the Class acquired SRAC's securities during the Class Period at artificially high prices and were damaged thereby.

- 354. At the time of said misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and other members of the Class were ignorant of their falsity, and believed them to be true. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class and the marketplace known the truth regarding the problems that SRAC and Momentus were experiencing, which were not disclosed by Defendants, Plaintiff and other members of the Class would not have purchased or otherwise acquired their SRAC securities, or, if they had acquired such securities during the Class Period, they would not have done so at the artificially inflated prices which they paid.
- 355. By virtue of the foregoing, the Count I Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.
- 356. As a direct and proximate result of the Count I Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their respective purchases and sales of SRAC's securities during the Class Period.

COUNT II

Violation Of Section 10(b) Of The Exchange Act And Rule 10b-5(a) And (c) Promulgated Thereunder Against Defendants Momentus, Kokorich, Harms, And Kennedy

- 357. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 358. This Count is asserted against Defendants Momentus, Kokorich, Harms, and Kennedy (the "Count II Defendants"), and is based upon Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) promulgated thereunder by the SEC.
- 359. The Count II Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5(a) and (c) in that they:

- (a) employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud; and/or
- (b) engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon Plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of SRAC securities during the Class Period.
- 360. The Count II Defendants' wrongdoing under this count includes, *inter alia*, failing to disclose to SRAC the information outlined in Sections V.A-C, *supra*, regarding national security risks, untested technology, and unsupported financial projections. The failure to disclose this information constituted a deceptive act independent of the dissemination of the false statements to the public, but without which the scheme to defraud could not have been effectuated. Without the Count II Defendants' failure to disclose this information the false representations would never have been made public.
- 361. The Count II Defendants' wrongdoing also includes the preparation of financial data (including revenue data) and other information to be included in SRAC's offering materials and investor presentations. The Count II Defendants' preparation of these materials also constituted a deceptive act independent of the dissemination of the false statements to the public, but without which the scheme to defraud could not have been effectuated. Without the false and misleading financial data, slides, narrative information and other materials provided by the Count II Defendants to SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants, SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants would not have been able to deceive SRAC's public investors.
- 362. The Count II Defendants acted with scienter in that they knew (or deliberately disregarded or were deliberately reckless in disregarding) that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of SRAC, as described above, were materially false and/or misleading; knew (or deliberately disregarded or were deliberately reckless in disregarding) that assumptions that Momentus would not be affected by national security risks, and that its technology

- 363. The Count II Defendants, including Momentus and senior officers and/or directors of Momentus, had actual knowledge of the truth regarding Momentus's prospects for revenue growth, including factors which limited its growth potential including national security risks and untested technology. The Count II Defendants intended to deceive Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, or, in the alternative, acted with reckless disregard for the truth when they employed the devices, schemes and artifices to defraud; and/or engaged in the acts, practices and a course of business described above.
- 364. As a result of the foregoing, the market price of SRAC securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period.
- 365. In ignorance of the falsity of the Count II Defendants' statements, and the schemes, acts and practices described above, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class relied on the statements described above and/or the integrity of the market price of SRAC securities during the Class Period in purchasing SRAC securities at prices that were artificially inflated as a result of the Count II Defendants' schemes, acts, and practices.
- 366. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class been aware that the market price of SRAC securities had been artificially and falsely inflated by Defendants, they would not have purchased SRAC's securities at the artificially inflated prices that they did, or at all.

368. By reason of the foregoing, the Count II Defendants have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) promulgated thereunder and are liable to Plaintiff and the other members of the Class for substantial damages which they suffered in connection with their purchase of SRAC securities during the Class Period.

COUNT III

Violation Of Section 20(a) Of The Exchange Act Against The Individual Defendants And The Sponsor

369. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

370. The Individual Defendants and the Sponsor acted as controlling persons of SRAC and/or Momentus within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level positions and their ownership and contractual rights, participation in, and/or awareness of SRAC and/or Momentus's operations and intimate knowledge of the false information provided by Momentus to SRAC and/or filed by SRAC with the SEC and disseminated to the investing public, the Individual Defendants and the Sponsor had the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision-making of SRAC and/or Momentus, including the content and dissemination of the various statements which Plaintiff contends are false and misleading. The Individual Defendants and the Sponsor were provided with or had unlimited access to copies of SRAC's and/or Momentus's reports, press releases, public filings, and other statements alleged by Plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause the statements to be corrected.

372. As set forth above, Defendants Momentus, SRAC, Kokorich, Harms, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, and Hofmockel each violated Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 by their acts and omissions as alleged in this Complaint. By virtue of their positions as controlling persons, the Individual Defendants and the Sponsor are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their purchases of SRAC's securities during the Class Period.

XV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- (a) Determining that this action is a proper class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (b) Awarding compensatory damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other Class members against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including interest thereon;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable costs and expenses incurred in this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and
- (d) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

XVI. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

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PROOF OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC POSTING I, the undersigned say: I am not a party to the above case and am over eighteen years old. On November 12, 2021, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing document by posting the document electronically to the ECF website of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, for receipt electronically by the parties listed on the Court's Service List. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 12, 2021, at Los Angeles, California. s/ Garth A. Spencer Garth A. Spencer

Exhibit 1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 Release No. 10955 / July 13, 2021

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 92391 / July 13, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-20393

In the Matter of

MOMENTUS, INC., STABLE ROAD ACQUISITION CORP., SRC-NI HOLDINGS, LLC, and BRIAN KABOT,

Respondents.

ORDER INSTITUTING CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate that cease-and-desist proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), against Momentus, Inc. ("Momentus"), Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC"), SRC-NI Holdings, LLC ("SRC-NI"), and Brian Kabot ("Kabot"), collectively referred to herein as "Respondents."

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondents have submitted Offers of Settlement (the "Offers") which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission's jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of these proceedings, which are admitted, and except as provided herein in Section V, Respondents consent to the entry of this ("Order"), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondents' Offers, the Commission finds¹ that:

Summary

- 1. This case concerns materially false statements, omissions, and other deceptive conduct by Momentus, a privately held space company that aspires to provide space infrastructure services, and its former Chief Executive Officer Mikhail Kokorich ("Kokorich"), as it sought to go public through a business combination with Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC"), a publicly traded special-purpose acquisition company ("SPAC"). SRAC also engaged in negligent misconduct by repeating and disseminating Momentus's misrepresentations in Commission filings without a reasonable basis in fact. Brian Kabot, SRAC's CEO who signed public filings that included misrepresentations about Momentus's technology and national security risks, caused SRAC's disclosure violations. Kabot is also a managing member of SRAC's sponsor, SRC-NI Holdings, LLC ("SRC-NI"), and his conduct as described herein is attributable to SRC-NI.
- 2. In the summer and fall of 2020, Momentus and SRAC negotiated a series of transactions that, if approved, would result in Momentus going public through a business combination with SRAC, generating considerable value for Kokorich, Momentus, Kabot, and SRC-NI through the stakes they stood to receive in the newly-formed public company. On October 7, 2020, Momentus and SRAC announced their merger agreement, and on the same day, SRAC entered into subscription agreements with private investment in public equity ("PIPE") investors, pursuant to which the PIPE investors agreed to inject \$175 million of capital into Momentus by purchasing an aggregate of 17,500,000 shares of common stock of the merged company for \$10.00 per share if and after the business combination was approved.
- 3. Momentus's business plans and multi-billion dollar revenue projections, as provided to PIPE investors and described in SRAC's Form S-4 registration statement/proxy statement filed in connection with the anticipated merger, were premised on Momentus's development of commercially viable technology that it could employ to provide commercial space services to customers in the near-term on U.S.-based launches.
- 4. Momentus and Kokorich misled SRAC's investors, including the PIPE investors, in two key respects. First, Momentus and SRAC both claimed that in 2019, Momentus had "successfully tested" in space its key technology, a microwave electro-thermal ("MET") water plasma thruster, that Momentus claimed was designed to move a satellite into custom orbit after launch. In fact, that 2019 test failed to meet Momentus's own public and internal pre-launch criteria for success, and was conducted on a prototype that was not designed to generate commercially significant amounts of thrust.

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The findings herein are made pursuant to Respondents' Offer of Settlement and are not binding on any other person or entity in this or any other proceeding.

- 5. Second, Kokorich and Momentus concealed and made false statements about U.S. government concerns with national security and foreign ownership risks posed by Kokorich, including concerns related to his affiliation with Momentus. Based on those concerns, U.S. government agencies had the functional authority to block Momentus's involvement in U.S. based launches, and in January 2021, Kokorich resigned his position as CEO as part of an effort to resolve the ongoing national security concerns. Up to at least that point, Momentus and SRAC had disclosed that Momentus could face CFIUS restrictions in future transactions as a result of Kokorich's status as a "foreign person," but investors lacked material information about the extent to which Kokorich's affiliation with Momentus jeopardized, among other things, the company's launch schedule and the revenue projections that were based in part on assumptions about the timing of its first commercial launch.
- 6. SRAC's due diligence failures compounded Momentus's and Kokorich's misrepresentations and omissions and resulted in the dissemination of materially false and misleading information to investors. SRAC's due diligence of Momentus was conducted in a compressed timeframe and unreasonably failed both to probe the basis of Momentus's claims that its technology had been "successfully tested" in space and to follow up on red flags concerning national security and foreign ownership risks. As a result, SRAC's public filings, including registration statements signed by Kabot, incorporated Momentus's and Kokorich's false and misleading claims and caused investors to be misled about material aspects of Momentus's business.

Respondents

- 7. Momentus is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Santa Clara, California. Founded in 2017, Momentus aspires to provide satellite-positioning services with in-space propulsion systems powered by MET water plasma thrusters.
- 8. SRAC is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Venice, California. As a SPAC, SRAC has no operations of its own and exists for the purpose of merging with a privately held company with the effect of taking that company public. On November 13, 2019, SRAC completed its initial public offering of 17,250,000 units at a price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$172.5 million, which are held in trust for the benefit of shareholders until completion of a business combination. Momentus will receive the proceeds of the IPO upon completion of the proposed business combination with SRAC. SRAC's securities are traded on Nasdaq under the ticker symbols "SRAC," "SRACU" and "SRACW." The IPO proceeds will be returned to shareholders if a business combination is not consummated.
- 9. Brian Kabot, age 43, has been SRAC's CEO and Chairman of its Board of Directors since its founding in 2019.
- 10. SRC-NI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Venice, California. SRC-NI initially contributed \$4.625 million in working capital to fund SRAC from its inception through a business combination. SRC-NI received shares in SRAC in exchange for this capital investment. It also contributed an additional \$6.4 million between November 2020 and June 2021 but received no additional shares in SRAC. Kabot is one of SRC-NI's three managing

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members and a minority shareholder. Kabot's actions as alleged herein were taken on behalf of and for the benefit of SRC-NI.

Other Relevant Person

11. Mikhail Kokorich, age 45, is a Russian citizen residing in Switzerland. He served as Momentus's CEO from the time he founded the company in 2017 until his resignation on January 25, 2021.

Background

- I. Misrepresentations of Material Fact and Misleading Omissions about Momentus's Technology
 - a. Momentus's Technology Is Currently Unproven
- 12. Large commercial satellite launch providers offer launch services to satellite owners but leave the "rideshare satellites" in a limited range of orbits. Momentus hopes to address a market need by offering "last mile" satellite placement services for these rideshare satellites, allowing the satellites to be placed in a custom orbit. According to Momentus's plans, Momentus will integrate its customer's payload, *i.e.*, a satellite, into a Momentus vehicle, which will then be loaded onto a larger rocket operated by the commercial launch provider. The rocket will then deposit Momentus's vehicle in orbit, at which point Momentus will move its vehicle and the customer's integrated payload into a custom orbit using its "cornerstone" technology, a propulsion system using MET water plasma thrusters.
- 13. Momentus's business model is premised in part on the development and testing of its MET water propulsion thruster technology. To achieve commercial viability, Momentus plans to operate its MET water propulsion thruster reliably in space and provide the necessary thrust and length of operation needed to move customer satellites into specified orbits. At present, Momentus does not have the in-space flight experience to demonstrate commercial viability of its thruster technology.
- 14. The MET water propulsion thruster has never been used commercially in space. Momentus has only tested a version of its MET water propulsion thruster in space once, during a July 2019 mission named "El Camino Real." For this mission, Momentus built and placed its 2019 version of the MET water propulsion thruster on a third-party satellite for the purpose of testing the thruster and performing various maneuvers. Prior to the mission, Momentus internally defined "mission success" as "100 individual burns of 1 minute or more."
- 15. Momentus also externally defined success to include a demonstration of the thruster's ability to provide commercial launch services. For example, in a January 2019 blog post on its website, Momentus stated that the El Camino Real mission would give investors "absolute confidence" that Momentus's service would be "on time, safe and reliable." Momentus went on to say that it would "be able to run the thruster long enough to fully characterize its performance in space with dozens of stop start cycles and [to] then safely de-orbit the vehicle."

16. Momentus's claim that the El Camino Real mission would demonstrate its ability to provide commercial launch services was false. The 2019 version of the Momentus MET water propulsion thruster was not powerful enough to provide commercial satellite-placement services. Moreover, the thruster tested in the El Camino Real mission did not provide measurable or detectible changes in the satellite's orbital velocity. According to a former Momentus officer, the thruster was too small and inefficient to have commercial potential.

b. The 2019 In-Space Test Failed to Meet the Pre-Launch Success Criteria

- 17. The El Camino Real mission did not meet any of the public or internal success criteria. After experiencing significant issues with supporting sub-systems and its propulsion system, Momentus achieved only twelve "hot firings" with microwave power turned on out of 23 firings. While a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasma-generation, data suggests that only three hot firings produced plasma. However, none of the firings lasted a full minute and none generated measurable thrust. Momentus lost contact with the satellite approximately three months into the planned six-month mission and was never able to attempt the remaining 77 firings it had planned, much less achieve any of the "100 individual burns of 1 minute or more."
 - 18. The El Camino Real satellite is still in space, but it is not functional.
- 19. The El Camino Real mission did not demonstrate the thruster's ability to provide commercial launch services. The mission yielded no data to suggest that the 2019 version of the thruster would deliver an impulse of any commercial significance, failed to demonstrate the propulsion system's reliability of longevity, and did not characterize the performance of the thrusters.
- 20. Kokorich was informed of all relevant aspects of the El Camino Real results. In addition, a member of senior management internally acknowledged, in a document on which Kokorich was copied, that Momentus did not obtain "any useful mission results" from the launch. Kokorich was also copied on emails discussing the creation of a "failure review board" to study the El Camino Real mission due to the inability to obtain useful data from the mission because of its failure.

c. Kokorich and Momentus Mischaracterized Results of the In-Space Testing

- 21. In a September 25, 2019 article in Space News titled, "Momentus reports success in testing water plasma propulsion," Kokorich enthused, after testing had begun on the El Camino Real mission, "Water plasma propulsion is now technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions." He also repeated the claim from Momentus's January 2019 blog post that "the purpose of the El Camino Real mission was to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that Momentus will deliver their payloads to a given orbit."
- 22. Kokorich's claims in the Space News article were false because the El Camino Real mission was never intended to demonstrate the thruster's commercial viability or to give investors and customers "absolute confidence" that Momentus could maneuver customer payloads to a custom

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orbit. Moreover, as Kokorich knew or was reckless in not knowing, the mission failed because the thruster produced a plasma, which is necessary but not sufficient to generate thrust, only 3 times out of 23 attempts, and each plasma formation lasted less than a full minute. In fact, Momentus did not obtain "any useful mission results" and the in-space test of the thruster did not meet any of its success criteria. Even if the mission had accomplished Momentus's internal criteria—which it did not—it still would not have demonstrated that the thruster was "technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions."

23. Prior to the execution of the merger agreement, Momentus and Kokorich told SRAC and Kabot that the El Camino Real mission was a success but did not inform them of any internal concerns or shortcomings with the in-space test.

d. SRAC Did Not Perform Reasonable Due Diligence on Momentus's Claims Regarding the El Camino Real Mission

- 24. SRAC exists for the purpose of merging or otherwise combining with a privately held company in order to take that company public. After its November 2019 initial public offering, SRAC's charter allowed the company eighteen months, or until May 2021, to find a merger partner, obtain shareholder approval, and complete the business combination. Otherwise, the company would dissolve, the money raised in the IPO would be returned to investors, and SCR-NI's investment of working capital would be lost.
- 25. SRAC's initial efforts to identify a merger candidate focused on the cannabis industry, and dozens of companies in that industry were evaluated, but SRAC ultimately decided not to pursue a target in that industry given changes in the regulatory and business environment. By late June 2020, SRAC was considering other early-stage growth companies, but still had not identified a company for a merger.
- 26. Kabot met Kokorich on or about June 29, 2020, and merger discussions began in earnest in early July.
- 27. SRAC engaged several firms to assist with due diligence, including a space technology consulting firm with the expertise to investigate the state of development of Momentus's technology. However, SRAC did not retain the firm and begin its substantive due diligence on Momentus's technology until late August or early September 2020, a little more than a month before the merger announcement on October 7.
- 28. SRAC hired the space technology consulting firm to conduct a rapid technical assessment. The consulting firm initially represented in its proposal that it could perform its work in two weeks, although it eventually took over four weeks. SRAC did not specifically ask the consulting firm to review the El Camino Real mission and, in response to the firm's questions, Momentus suggested that the early-stage test launch was not relevant to their current work due to their development of the technology in the intervening sixteen months. As a result, the consulting firm did not evaluate the mission's results or review any related data or other information, and the report it provided to SRAC made no mention of the El Camino Real mission, even though it would have been capable of examining and reporting on that issue.

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29. SRAC nonetheless included Momentus's false claims in its registration statement on Form S-4 filed on November 2, 2020 and as amended on December 14, 2020 and March 8, 2021, stating that Momentus had "successfully tested" its MET technology in space. SRAC also included Momentus's financial projections, which were based in part on the assumption that Momentus's thruster was approaching commercial viability and were buttressed by misleading claims about the success of the El Camino Real mission.

e. Repeated Mischaracterizations of the El Camino Real Results

- 30. Before publicly announcing their merger agreement, Momentus and SRAC made multiple slide presentations to potential PIPE investors. Each of those presentations contained a slide titled, "Momentus at a Glance," which claimed that Momentus "successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 is still operational today."
- 31. Momentus and SRAC announced their merger on October 7, 2020. That day, SRAC and Momentus made a presentation to institutional investors and analysts using slides virtually identical to the ones shown to PIPE investors. This presentation claimed that Momentus "successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 is still operational today." In his comments to the presentation, Kokorich reiterated that Momentus had "successfully tested our groundbreaking thruster in space." SRAC publicly filed a copy of this slide presentation on both Form 8-K and Form 425, and filed similar presentations containing similar claims about Momentus's in-space testing on November 17, 2020 and December 14, 2020.
- 32. On November 2, 2020, SRAC filed its initial registration statement on Form S-4 related to the merger with Momentus and subsequently filed two Form S-4 amendments on December 14, 2020 and March 8, 2021, respectively. Kabot signed each of these registration statements on behalf of SRAC.
- 33. Each of these three registration statements contained a subsection titled, "Information about Momentus," in which Momentus falsely claimed that it "successfully tested our water plasma propulsion technology in space," referring to but not specifically naming the El Camino Real mission.
- 34. SRAC adopted Momentus's characterization of the mission, separately representing in a different subsection of each registration statement that in 2019 Momentus "successfully tested" its "cornerstone water plasma propulsion technology in space." SRAC also stated that it conducted "extensive due diligence" on a number of issues, one of which was Momentus's "technology solutions." SRAC also stated that its consultants were asked to and did report on Momentus's "testing progress."
- 35. By characterizing the mission as a "success" without explaining that the mission did not meet any of Momentus's pre-launch evaluation criteria, Momentus made false statements and omitted facts necessary to make their statements not misleading.
- 36. SRAC incorporated Momentus's claims about the mission's "success" into multiple public filings, including multiple versions of the registration statement, even though its due diligence neglected to evaluate—much less confirm—the factual basis of the claims. For example, SRAC

stated in its November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and amendments that its board recommended shareholder approval of the business combination with Momentus based on, among other things, Momentus's "[v]aluable [i]ntellectual [p]roperty," "including its cornerstone water plasma propulsion technology, which it successfully tested in space in 2019."

- 37. Investors, whether PIPE investors who received the slide presentations or retail investors who reviewed the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and subsequent amendments, had no way of knowing that the mission did not meet any of it pre-launch goals or demonstrate that Momentus's services would be "on time, safe and reliable," as promised in the January 2019 blog post.
- 38. SRAC's statements in the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and the December 2020 and March 2021 amendments also gave investors the misleading impression that its due diligence extended to and independently verified the claim that Momentus's technology had been "successfully tested" in space. Investors had no way to know that SRAC was merely repeating what it had been told by Kokorich and Momentus, since the "due diligence" concerning Momentus's "technology solutions" and "testing progress" never examined the results of the El Camino Real mission.
- 39. The misrepresentations and omissions in the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and the December 2020 and March 2021 amendments were material. Because Momentus can only generate revenue in future missions under its current business plan if its thruster can generate commercially significant thrust, reasonable investors would find it important to know whether Momentus had demonstrated in space that its technology had that capability. They would find it important to know whether Momentus had shown that its services would be "on time, safe and reliable" or whether Momentus could "deliver [customer] payloads to a given orbit." They would also find it important to know whether the mission succeeded according to Momentus's prelaunch definition of success. By misleading investors about the results of the in-space test, the registration statement on Form S-4 and other public filings falsely assured investors that Momentus was further on the road to the commercial deployment of its technology than it actually was.
- 40. Momentus knowingly or recklessly made the misrepresentations and omissions of material fact regarding the El Camino Real mission. Momentus understood that the launch was never designed to test the commercial viability of Momentus's thrusters. It also knew that the launch did not yield "any useful mission results," as one of Momentus's engineers wrote in an internal document shared with Kokorich. In contrast to its public statements, Momentus knew the test was not a success and did not provide "absolute confidence" that Momentus could deliver customer payloads to a given orbit.
- 41. Although Kokorich and Momentus never shared with SRAC and Kabot material internal analyses about the mission's failure, SRAC nevertheless acted unreasonably in adopting and repeating Momentus's claim that it had successfully tested its technology in space when it had not conducted any specific due diligence to evaluate and verify the accuracy of that material assertion.

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f. Statements About the El Camino Real Mission in the Third Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-4

42. In its third amendment to the registration statement on Form S-4 filed on June 29, 2021, Momentus and SRAC disclosed that the El Camino Real mission "did not demonstrate the MET's ability to generate thrust in space, which is crucial to our ability to maneuver objects in space." The June 2021 registration statement on Form S-4 also states, "Moreover, even if the unit generates thrust, there can be no assurance that it can be operated in a manner that is sufficiently reliable and efficient to permit commercialization of the technology."

II. Misrepresentations of Material Fact and Misleading Omissions Regarding the U.S. Government's National Security Concerns

a. U.S. Government Agencies Had National Security Concerns About Kokorich

- 43. Since 2018, multiple U.S. government agencies have expressed national security concerns about Kokorich, a fact that was well known to both Kokorich and Momentus but never disclosed to investors.
- 44. The Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, oversees the issuance of export licenses, which authorize the provision of certain technologies to foreign individuals or entities. The stated mission of the BIS is to "advance U.S. national security, foreign policy, and economic objectives."
- 45. Because Kokorich is a foreign national, he could not access parts of Momentus's technology without an export license. In 2017, Momentus (then operating under the name "Space Apprentices Enterprise") applied for an export license for Kokorich. In March 2018, the BIS denied the application on the ground that Kokorich was not an "acceptable recipient" of U.S. origin-items controlled for national security reasons."
- 46. In April 2018, in connection with Kokorich's investment in a different space technology company, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS"), an intergovernmental agency that includes the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and State, informed Kokorich that, as with every transaction it reviews, it assesses whether a foreign person has the capability or intention to exploit or cause harm (which CFIUS defines as the "threat") and whether the nature of the U.S. business creates susceptibility to impairment of U.S. national security (the "vulnerability"). CFIUS further explained that a national security risk is a "function of the interaction between threat and vulnerability." CFIUS subsequently informed Kokorich, through his counsel, that it had specific concerns about Kokorich himself, meaning that CFIUS considered Kokorich to be a "threat" that caused his affiliation with that other space technology company to be a risk to national security. As there was no acceptable mitigation option, CFIUS ordered Kokorich to divest his interest in the space technology company in June 2018.
- 47. SRAC disclosed in its November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and in subsequent amendments, that in 2018, CFIUS had ordered Kokorich to divest ownership in the other space technology company but did not disclose CFIUS's express concerns with Kokorich himself.

- 48. In June 2018, U.S. Customs and Immigration Services ("USCIS") revoked Kokorich's work visa and denied his application for permanent resident status. Kokorich then applied for political asylum in September 2018, claiming that he was a prominent critic of the Russian government. A year later, on or about August 28, 2019, USCIS issued a referral notice informing Kokorich that it had not granted his asylum application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings. USCIS based its determination on "inconsistencies" in Kokorich's application and testimony "with regard to [his] political affiliations and activities in Russia." Kokorich was in the process of adjudicating the removal proceedings before an immigration judge when he left the U.S. in January 2021.
- 49. Kokorich's national security issues continued to create problems in the months leading up to the merger announcement. In February 2020, Momentus filed a new application for an export license for Kokorich. In July 2020, Momentus and Kokorich learned that the Defense and State Departments had objected to Kokorich's application, requiring the application to be elevated to the BIS's Operating Committee. In October 2020, Momentus learned that the Operating Committee would recommended that BIS deny of the license, and in November 2020, after the filing of the first registration statement for the merger but before the filing of the amendment, Momentus and Kokorich learned that the Commerce Department would outright deny the license for reasons related to national security.

b. Kokorich's National Security Risks Were Material to Investors

- 50. Before it is able to launch any vehicle on a U.S. mission, Momentus or its launch partners must obtain licenses from various U.S. government agencies, including the FAA. Those agencies have the authority to deny a license for national security reasons and work in consultation with the Defense Department to determine if the payload of a mission presents a national security risk. If Momentus or its launch partners are unable to obtain the necessary licenses, Momentus cannot participate in launches and thus cannot execute on its business plan. The U.S. government's national security-related concerns about Kokorich therefore posed a significant threat to Momentus's ability to participate in launches and generate meaningful revenue.
- 51. The growing issues that Momentus faced as a result of its affiliation with Kokorich came to a head in December 2020, just two months after the merger announcement. Momentus was scheduled to participate in a third party's launch in January 2021. That launch represented a key milestone for Momentus because it was supposed to be the company's first commercial flight. On December 23, 2020, the FAA notified the third party launch provider that it would not approve the launch with Momentus's payload on board. As a result, the third party launch provider removed Momentus's payload from its rocket and proceeded with the launch.
- 52. Shortly afterwards, in January 2021, Momentus and SRAC became aware of correspondence from the Defense Department stating that Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of its association with Kokorich. To address this issues, Kokorich formally stepped down as CEO of Momentus on January 25, 2021 and on March 31, 2021, placed his shares of Momentus stock in a voting trust.

- 53. Kokorich's resignation did not immediately solve Momentus's problems. In May 2021, the FAA once again did not approve Momentus's participation in the June 2021 launch of a third-party launch provider. The FAA explicitly based its denial on a finding that the launch of Momentus's payload would jeopardize national security due to Momentus's then current corporate structure, a reference to Kokorich's continued ownership interest in the company. Later in May 2021, the third party launch provider informed Momentus that it would not allow any Momentus payload on any launch through the end of the year while Momentus "works to secure approvals from the U.S. government."
- 54. On June 8, 2021, Kokorich and Momentus entered into a National Security Agreement with CFIUS, pursuant to which Kokorich agreed to fully divest from the company and Momentus agreed, among other things, to implement increased security measures and appoint a CFIUS-approved director to its board of directors. As recently disclosed by SRAC, the time required to finalize the NSA and resolve issues stemming from Kokorich's involvement with Momentus has resulted in a reforecast of potential launch dates from 2021 to 2022.

c. SRAC Failed to Conduct Reasonable Due Diligence Related to Kokorich's National Security Issues

- 55. Momentus and Kokorich did not share the extent of Kokorich's national security issues with SRAC and Kabot.
- 56. SRAC nonetheless conducted inadequate due diligence related to Kokorich's forced divestiture in 2018 from a prior space technology company and his status as a national security risk generally. SRAC and Kabot knew that CFIUS, which exists for the express purpose of assessing national security risks posed by foreign investment in U.S. businesses, had required Kokorich to divest from another space technology company in 2018. During due diligence, SRAC received a copy of CFIUS's final order and repeatedly asked Momentus for correspondence and other documents that would describe the basis of the order. Momentus responded that it did not possess those documents—despite the fact that Kokorich had custody and control over correspondence and documents related to the CFIUS order. SRAC nonetheless executed its merger agreement with Momentus and filed multiple registration statements without obtaining a full and complete understanding of the basis for the CFIUS's order or its impact on Momentus' business.

d. False Statements or Omissions Regarding Kokorich's National Security Issues

- 57. Both the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and the December 2020 amendment, which was filed after Momentus learned that Kokorich's most recent application for an export license would be denied for national security reasons, contain false statements and misleading omissions regarding the U.S. government's national security concerns about Kokorich. SRAC disclosed the existence of general national security risks in January 2021, at the time of Kokorich's resignation, and disclosed further material details about those concerns and their impact on Momentus and the merger in the March 2021 registration statement on Form S-4 amendment.
- 58. In a subsection of both the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4 and the December 2020 amendment titled, "Risk Factors," Momentus stated that it believed Kokorich's

asylum application would be granted, but failed to disclose the fact that Kokorich was considered a national security risk and thus less likely to obtain asylum.

- 59. Also in the "Risk Factors" subsection, Momentus disclosed that Kokorich had not "yet" obtained an export control license. Momentus did not explain, however, that the BIS had already denied Momentus's first application in 2018 because of national security issues. It also did not explain that, at the time of the November 2020 registration statement on Form S-4, Momentus's second application had been referred to BIS's Operating Committee based on objections by the Defense and State Departments for national security reasons, and at the time of the December 2020 Form S-4 amendment, BIS had itself indicated its intent to deny the application. Those omissions were materially misleading because they left investors with the impression that Momentus anticipated that Kokorich would ultimately receive an export control license, when in fact the company knew or was reckless in not knowing that it would likely not be granted.
- 60. In both the November and December 2020 Form S-4 registration statements, SRAC included revenue projections for Momentus, forecasting that the company would grow from zero revenues in 2019 to revenues of over \$4 billion in 2027. Those projections failed to take into account the effect of any adverse decisions by the U.S. government based on national security concerns about Kokorich. As disclosed by SRAC in its June 2021 Form S-4 amendment Momentus was forced to considerably reduce its financial projections for the same period due to the year-long delay to its inaugural payload launch caused by the adverse licensing decisions stemming from Kokorich's national security risks, and contributed to a reduction in the enterprise valuation of Momentus by almost 50%, from more than \$1.1 billion to less than \$600 million.

Violations

- 61. As a result of the conduct described above, Momentus violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, which prohibit fraudulent conduct in the offer or sale of securities and in connection with the purchase or sale of securities. Momentus also caused Stable Road's violations described below.
- 62. As a result of the conduct described above, SRAC violated Sections 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act, Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 thereunder, which prohibit the solicitation of a proxy by means of a proxy statement containing a material false statement, and Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20 and 13a-11 thereunder, which prohibit issuers from filing reports, including Forms 8-K, that contain materially false or misleading information.
- 63. As a result of the conduct described above, SRC-NI and Kabot caused Stable Road's violations of Section 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act. Kabot also violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 thereunder.

Undertakings

- 64. Respondent Momentus has undertaken to:
- a. Momentus shall, within sixty (60) days of the consummation of the anticipated merger, create and maintain a permanent committee of its Board of Directors,

composed exclusively of independent directors with no compliance history, responsible for overseeing: (i) the implementation of the terms of this Order and (ii) controls governing Momentus's and its management's public statements regarding Momentus, including but not limited to the creation of a disclosure committee of the Board.

- b. Momentus shall retain, within sixty (60) days of the consummation of the anticipated merger, the services of an Independent Compliance Consultant ("Independent Consultant") not unacceptable to the staff of the Commission and provide a copy of this Order to the Independent Consultant. The Independent Consultant shall have extensive experience in developing, implementing and overseeing organizational compliance and ethics programs. No later than ten (10) days following the date of the Independent Consultant's engagement, Momentus shall provide the Commission staff with a copy of the engagement letter detailing the Independent Consultant's responsibilities, which shall include all reviews and reports required by this Order. The Independent Consultant's compensation and expenses shall be borne exclusively by Momentus.
 - c. Momentus shall require the Independent Consultant to:
 - i. conduct a comprehensive ethics and compliance program assessment of Momentus's disclosure practices;
 - ii. at the end of the review, which in no event shall be more than 210 days after the entry of this Order, submit a written and dated report to Momentus and the Commission staff that shall include a description of the review performed, the names of the individuals who performed the review, the Consultant's findings and recommendations for changes or improvements to Momentus's disclosure practices, policies, procedures, systems, and internal controls, and a procedure for implementing the recommended changes and improvements;
 - iii. conduct one annual review 365 days from the date of the issuance of the Independent Consultant's initial report, to assess whether Momentus is complying with its then-current disclosures, policies, procedures, systems, and internal controls and whether the then-current disclosures, policies, procedures, systems, and internal controls are effective in achieving their stated purposes;
 - iv. at the end of the annual review, which in no event shall be more than 180 days from the date that the annual review commenced, submit a written annual report to Momentus and the Commission staff that shall include a description of its findings and recommendations, if any, for additional changes or improvements to the disclosures, policies, procedures, systems, and internal controls, and a procedure for implementing the recommended changes and improvements.
- d. Momentus shall, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of each of the Independent Consultant's reports, adopt all recommendations contained in the reports, provided,

however, that within thirty (30) days after the date of the applicable report, Momentus shall in writing advise the Independent Consultant and the Commission staff of any recommendations that it considers to be unduly burdensome, impractical, or inappropriate. With respect to any recommendation that Momentus considers to be unduly burdensome, impractical, or inappropriate, Momentus need not adopt that recommendation at that time but Momentus shall instead propose in writing to the Independent Consultant and Commission staff an alternative policy or procedure designed to achieve the same objective or purpose as that recommended by the Independent Consultant. Momentus shall attempt in good faith to reach an agreement with the Independent Consultant on any recommendations objected to by Momentus. Within fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of the discussion and evaluation by Respondent and the Independent Consultant, Momentus shall require that the Independent Consultant inform Momentus and the Commission staff in writing of the Independent Consultant's final determination concerning any recommendation. At the same time, Momentus may seek approval from the Commission staff to not adopt recommendations that the Momentus can demonstrate to be unduly burdensome, impractical, or inappropriate. In the event that Momentus and the Independent Consultant are unable to agree on an alternative proposal within thirty (30) days and the Commission staff does not agree that any proposed recommendations are unduly burdensome, impractical, or inappropriate, Momentus shall abide by the determinations of the Independent Consultant.

- e. Within thirty (30) days of Momentus's adoption and implementation of all of the recommendations in the Independent Consultant's reports that the Independent Consultant deems appropriate, as determined pursuant to the procedures set forth herein, Momentus shall certify in writing to the Independent Consultant and the Commission staff that Momentus has adopted and implemented all recommendations in the applicable report. The Commission staff may make reasonable requests for further evidence of compliance, and Momentus agrees to provide such evidence.
- f. Momentus shall cooperate fully with the Independent Consultant and shall provide the Independent Consultant with access to such of its files, books, records and personnel as reasonably requested for the Independent Consultant's review, including access by on-site inspection.
- g. To ensure the independence of the Independent Consultant, Momentus (1) shall not have the authority to terminate the Independent Consultant or substitute another independent consultant for the initial Independent Consultant without prior written approval of the Commission staff; and (2) shall compensate the Independent Consultant and persons engaged to assist the Independent Consultant for services rendered pursuant to this Order at their reasonable and customary rates.
- h. Momentus shall require the Independent Consultant to enter into an agreement that provides that for the period of engagement and for a period of two (2) years from completion of the engagement, the Independent Consultant shall not enter into any employment, consultant, attorney-client, auditing or other professional relationship with Momentus, or any of its present or former affiliates, directors, officers, employees, or agents acting in their capacity. The agreement shall also provide that the Independent Consultant will require that any firm with which he/she is affiliated or of which he/she is a member, and any person engaged to assist the

Independent Consultant in performance of his/her duties under this Order shall not, without prior written consent of the Commission staff, enter into any employment, consultant, attorney-client, auditing or other professional relationship with Momentus, or any of its present or former affiliates, directors, officers, employees, or agents acting in their capacity as such for the period of the engagement and for a period of two years after the engagement. The reports by the independent consultant will likely include confidential financial, proprietary, competitive business or commercial information. Public disclosure of the reports could discourage cooperation, impede pending or potential government investigations or undermine the objectives of the reporting requirement. For these reasons, among others, the reports and the contents thereof are intended to remain and shall remain non-public, except (1) pursuant to court order, (2) as agreed to by the parties in writing, (3) to the extent that the Commission determines in its sole discretion that disclosure would be in furtherance of the Commission's discharge of its duties and responsibilities, or (4) is otherwise required by law.

- i. Momentus shall not be in, and shall not have an attorney-client relationship with the Independent Consultant and shall not seek to invoke the attorney-client privilege or any other doctrine of privilege to prevent the Independent Consultant from transmitting any information, reports, or documents to the Commission staff.
- j. Momentus shall certify, in writing, compliance with the undertakings set forth above. The certification shall identify the undertakings, provide written evidence of compliance in the form of a narrative, and be supported by exhibits sufficient to demonstrate compliance no later than sixty (60) days from the completion of each of the undertakings. The Commission staff may make reasonable requests for further evidence of compliance, and Momentus agrees to provide such evidence. The certification and supporting material shall be submitted to Anita Bandy, Associate Director, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549.
- k. The staff of the Commission may extend any of the procedural dates set forth above for good cause shown. The procedural dates shall be counted in calendar days, except that if the last day falls on a weekend or federal holiday the next business day shall be considered to be the last day.
- 65. Momentus shall, jointly with SRAC and upon the issuance of this Order, notify and offer each PIPE investor who entered into a subscription agreement with SRAC on or about October 7, 2020, the right to terminate such subscription agreement during a period of no less than twenty-four hours following such notice and offer. Momentus shall provide written confirmation of the notice and offer, as well any exercise thereof to Commission staff within forty-eight hours of the notice and offer.
- 66. Respondent SRAC has undertaken to, jointly with Momentus and upon the issuance of this Order, notify and offer each PIPE investor who entered into a subscription agreement with SRAC on or about October 7, 2020, the right to terminate such subscription agreement during a period of no less than twenty-four hours following such notice and offer. SRAC shall provide written confirmation of the notice and offer, as well any exercise thereof to Commission staff within forty-eight hours of the notice and offer.

- 67. Respondents SRC-NI has undertaken to forego 250,000 founders shares, as that term is defined in the initial registration statement filed by SRAC on Form S-4 on November 2, 2020, that they otherwise were entitled to receive upon shareholder approval of the business combination. SRAC shall provide written confirmation of the relinquishment of the founder's shares to Commission staff within forty-eight hours.
- 68. In connection with this action and any related judicial or administrative proceeding or investigation commenced by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party, each Respondent (i) agrees to appear and be interviewed by Commission staff at such times and places as the staff requests upon reasonable notice; (ii) will accept service by mail or facsimile transmission of notices or subpoenas issued by the Commission for documents or testimony at depositions, hearings, or trials, or in connection with any related investigation by Commission staff; (iii) agrees to appoint an agent to receive service of such notices and subpoenas; (iv) with respect to such notices and subpoenas, waives the territorial limits on service contained in Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules, provided that the party requesting the testimony reimburses Respondents' travel, lodging, and subsistence expenses at the then-prevailing U.S. Government per diem rates; and (v) consents to personal jurisdiction over Respondents in any United States District Court for purposes of enforcing any such subpoena.
- 69. In determining whether accept the Offers, the Commission has considered these undertakings.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondents' Offers.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act and Section 21C of the Exchange Act, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- A. Respondent Momentus cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, and Section 10(b), 13(a) and 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 13a-11, and 14a-9 promulgated thereunder.
- B. Respondent SRAC cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act and Sections 13(a) and 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20, 13a-11, and Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder.
- C. Respondent SRC-NI from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act.
- D. Respondent Kabot cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act and Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 thereunder.

- E. SRAC shall, within 30 days of the entry of this Order, pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission. If timely payment is not made, additional interest shall accrue pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §3717.
- F. Kabot shall, within 30 days of the entry of this Order, pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$40,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission. If timely payment is not made, additional interest shall accrue pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §3717.
- G. . Momentus shall pay civil penalties of \$7,000,000 to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Payment shall be made in the following installments: \$2,000,000 within 30 days of the entry of this Order and the remaining balance of \$5,000,000 within 364 days of the entry of this order. Payments shall be applied first to post order interest, which accrues pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717. Prior to making the final payment set forth herein, Respondent shall contact the staff of the Commission for the amount due. If Respondent fails to make any payment by the date agreed and/or in the amount agreed according to the schedule set forth above, all outstanding payments under this Order, including post-order interest, minus any payments made, shall become due and payable immediately at the discretion of the staff of the Commission without further application to the Commission.

Payment must be made in one of the following ways:

- (1) Respondent may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request;
- (2) Respondent may make direct payment from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm; or
- (3) Respondent may pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order, made payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission and hand-delivered or mailed to:

Enterprise Services Center Accounts Receivable Branch HQ Bldg., Room 181, AMZ-341 6500 South MacArthur Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73169

Payments by check or money order must be accompanied by a cover letter identifying Momentus, SRAC, or Kabot as a Respondent in these proceedings, and the file number of these proceedings; a copy of the cover letter and check or money order must be sent to Anita Bandy, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F St., NE, Washington, DC 20549.

H. Pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, a Fair Fund is created for the penalties referenced in paragraphs E, F, and G above. Amounts ordered to be paid as civil

money penalties pursuant to this Order shall be treated as penalties paid to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Respondents Momentus, SRAC, and Kabot agree that in any Related Investor Action, they shall not argue that they are entitled to, nor shall they benefit by, offset or reduction of any award of compensatory damages by the amount of any part of Respondent's payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset, Respondents agree that they shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this proceeding. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Respondent by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Order instituted by the Commission in this proceeding.

- I. Respondents Momentus, SRAC, and Kabot acknowledge that the Commission is not imposing a civil penalty in excess of the amounts specified above based upon their cooperation in a Commission investigation or related enforcement action. If at any time following the entry of the Order, the Division of Enforcement ("Division") obtains information indicating that Respondents knowingly provided materially false or misleading information or materials to the Commission, or in a related proceeding, the Division may, at its sole discretion and with prior notice to the Respondents, petition the Commission to reopen this matter and seek an order directing that the Respondents pay an additional civil penalty. Respondents may contest by way of defense in any resulting administrative proceeding whether it knowingly provided materially false or misleading information, but may not: (1) contest the findings in the Order; or (2) assert any defense to liability or remedy, including, but not limited to, any statute of limitations defense.
- J. Momentus shall comply with the undertakings enumerated in Paragraphs 64 and 65 above.
 - K. SRAC shall comply with the undertakings enumerated in Paragrah 66 above.
 - L. SRC-NI shall comply with the undertakings enumerated in Paragraph 67 above.
- M. In connection with this action and any related judicial or administrative proceeding or investigation commenced by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party, each Respondent (i) agrees to appear and be interviewed by Commission staff at such times and places as the staff requests upon reasonable notice; (ii) will accept service by mail or facsimile transmission of notices or subpoenas issued by the Commission for documents or testimony at depositions, hearings, or trials, or in connection with any related investigation by Commission staff; (iii) agrees to appoint an agent to receive service of such notices and subpoenas; (iv) with respect to such notices and subpoenas, waives the territorial limits on service contained in Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules, provided that the party requesting the testimony reimburses Respondents' travel, lodging, and subsistence expenses at the then-prevailing U.S. Government per diem rates; and (v) consents to personal jurisdiction over Respondents in any United States District Court for purposes of enforcing any such subpoena.

V.

It is further Ordered that, solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523, the findings in this Order are true and admitted by Kabot, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Kabot under this Order or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Respondent of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19).

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

Exhibit 2

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549

Plaintiff.

v.

Case No. 1:21-CV-1869

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

MIKHAIL KOKORICH, c/o Dorsey & Whitney 1401 New York Avenue N.W., Suite 900 Washington DC, 20005

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") alleges as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

- 1. This case concerns a fraud perpetrated by Defendant Mikhail Kokorich to secure and promote a merger agreement between Momentus Inc. ("Momentus") and Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("Stable Road"), which, if successful, would effectively take Momentus public and infuse it with nearly \$350 million in investor funds. Momentus is a privately held space technology company that hopes to provide satellite-positioning services. Kokorich is one of Momentus's founders and was its Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") at all relevant times. Stable Road is a publicly traded special-purpose acquisition company ("SPAC").
- 2. A Russian citizen who since 2018 has faced repeated adverse determinations from U.S. government agencies for national security reasons, Kokorich engaged in fraudulent conduct to secure and promote the merger agreement with Stable Road. Specifically, Kokorich knowingly

or recklessly made misrepresentations of material facts and misleading omissions and deceived both Stable Road and investors regarding: (1) Momentus's key technology which, when tested in space in 2019, failed Momentus's internal criteria for success; and (2) multiple adverse determinations against Kokorich for national security reasons, which materially impaired Momentus's ability to participate in U.S.-based rocket launches so long as he was involved with the company.

- 3. Momentus attempted in 2019 to test in space its key technology, a microwave electro-thermal ("MET") water plasma thruster. However, the MET thruster used during that test was not designed for commercial use, and the thruster failed Momentus's own pre-launch criteria for a successful test. As a result, Momentus's technology remains unproven.
- 4. Moreover, no later than 2018, Kokorich faced multiple adverse determinations by U.S. government agencies because of concerns that he posed a risk to U.S. national security. Therefore, with Kokorich as CEO, Momentus was unlikely to be allowed to participate in U.S.-based rocket launches because U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, had the authority to block Momentus's involvement in those launches for national security reasons.
- 5. In the summer and fall of 2020, Kokorich and Stable Road's CEO negotiated the details of a merger agreement between Momentus and Stable Road. During those negotiations, Kokorich did not disclose the failures associated with the tests of the MET thruster in space, or that the U.S. government considered him a risk to national security. To the contrary, Kokorich claimed that the 2019 space test of the MET thruster had been a success and that he was confident that the U.S. government would grant his asylum application, which would allow him to remain and work in the United States.

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- 6. While he was helping negotiate the terms of the merger, Kokorich also participated in a number of presentations to potential Private Investment in Public Equity ("PIPE") investors, investors who purchase shares of stock in a public company directly from the issuer. Those presentations outlined the purported benefits of the proposed business combination between Momentus and Stable Road and included the material misrepresentations and misleading omissions that Kokorich had previously made.
- 7. On October 7, 2020, Momentus and Stable Road announced the signing of a merger agreement that would, if ultimately approved by shareholders, essentially take Momentus public and generate millions of dollars for Kokorich, Momentus and others. They also announced that Stable Road had entered into subscription agreements with PIPE investors, pursuant to which the PIPE investors agreed to purchase an aggregate of 17,500,000 shares of common stock of the merged company for \$10.00 per share.
- 8. Momentus's business plans and revenue projections, as communicated to PIPE investors and described in registration statements filed with the SEC in connection with the anticipated merger, were premised on Momentus already having proven technology that it could deploy on U.S.-based launches starting in December 2020. But the technology was unproven, and there was profound risk that Momentus would be unable to participate in U.S.-based launches with Kokorich in place as CEO. Because of Kokorich's knowing or reckless conduct and his misrepresentations and misleading omissions of material fact, PIPE and retail investors in the SPAC were given materially misleading information upon which to make their investment decisions.
- 9. By engaging in the misconduct described herein, Kokorich violated the antifraud provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and the Securities Act

of 1933 ("Securities Act") and aided and abetted violations by Momentus. Kokorich will continue to violate the federal securities laws unless restrained or enjoined by this Court.

10. The SEC seeks injunctive relief, disgorgement, civil penalties, and other appropriate and necessary equitable relief.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. The SEC brings this action, and this Court has jurisdiction, pursuant to Securities Act Sections 20(b), 20(d), and 22(a) [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), (d), and 77v(a)], and Exchange Act Sections 21(d)(1) and 27 [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d)(1) and 78aa].
- 12. Defendant Kokorich, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert with others, made use of the means or instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the acts, transactions, and practices alleged in this Complaint.
- 13. Kokorich is subject to personal jurisdiction because, among other things, he lived in the United States during the relevant period, purposefully directed his business activities at the United States, and knowingly provided statements for use in materials used to promote securities transactions in the United States and to be used in SEC filings. In addition, the merger agreement at issue in this case, which Defendant Kokorich signed in his capacity as the CEO of Momentus, contains a forum selection clause providing that "to the fullest extent permitted by law, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended," and that "[a]ny person or entity holding, owning or otherwise acquiring any interest in any security of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and to have consented" the forum selection clause.

14. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Securities Act Section 22(a) [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Exchange Act Section 27 [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because Defendant transacts business in this district and violations of the securities laws alleged in this Complaint occurred within this district, including the filing of false and misleading documents with the SEC.

DEFENDANT

15. Mikhail Kokorich, age 45, is a Russian citizen who is currently residing in Switzerland. He served as Momentus's CEO from the time he helped to start the company in 2017 until his resignation on January 25, 2021. Kokorich resided in California from at least 2016 until on or about January 27, 2021, when he left the United States.

OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

- 16. Momentus is a privately held company incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in Santa Clara, California. Founded in late 2017, Momentus describes itself as a space infrastructure company, which hopes to provide, among other things, satellite-positioning services.
- 17. Stable Road Acquisition Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Venice, California. As a SPAC, Stable Road has no operations of its own and exists for the purpose of merging with a privately held company and effectively taking that company public. On November 13, 2019, SRAC completed its initial public offering of 17,250,000 units at a price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$172.5 million. Momentus will receive the proceeds of the IPO upon completion of the proposed merger with Stable Road. SRAC's securities are traded on Nasdaq under the ticker symbols "SRAC," "SRACU," and "SRACW."

I. Background

a. Momentus Is a Startup with Unproven Technology

18. Large commercial satellite launch providers offer launch services to satellite owners but only leave these "rideshare" satellites in a limited range of orbits. Momentus hopes to

offer "last mile" satellite placement services to place these rideshare satellites into custom orbits of the customers' choosing. According to Momentus's plans, Momentus will integrate its customer's payload into Momentus's vehicle, which will then be loaded onto a larger rocket. The rocket will then leave Momentus's vehicle in orbit, at which point Momentus will move its vehicle and the customer's integrated payload into a custom orbit using what it touted in investor presentations as its "cornerstone" technology, a propulsion system using MET water plasma thrusters.

- 19. Momentus's business model is premised on the rapid development and testing of its MET water propulsion thruster technology. As Momentus explained in the registration statements at issue in this case: "The success of our in-space infrastructure services business will depend on our ability to successfully and regularly deploy customer satellites into their custom orbits."
- 20. In order to do so, Momentus must operate its MET water propulsion thruster reliably in space and provide the necessary thrust and length of operation needed to move customer satellites into specified orbits. An MET water propulsion thruster has never been commercially used in space.

b. Momentus Needed a Test to Market its Technology and Services

- 21. In late 2018 and early 2019, Momentus, as a small startup, lacked in-space flight experience with its thruster to show that it could deploy customer satellites into custom orbits. As Kokorich recognized, it was important for Momentus to demonstrate that it could build, launch and operate an MET thruster system in space. Kokorich expected that a test in space would help to market Momentus and attract investors.
- 22. Momentus therefore planned a mission to test its MET thruster in space. In July 2019, Momentus launched an MET thruster on the "MX-1" satellite for the purpose of testing its

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thruster in space and performing maneuvers. Prior to the satellite launch, in an internal slide presentation, Momentus partly defined "mission success" as "100 individual burns of 1 minute of more." A "burn" refers to operating the thruster producing thrust for a period of time.

- 23. Before the launch of its test mission, Momentus conditioned the public to believe that the mission would demonstrate the thruster's commercial viability. For example, in a January 2019 blog post on its website, Momentus stated that the mission, which it named "El Camino Real," would give investors "absolute confidence" that Momentus's service would be "on time, safe and reliable." Momentus went on to say that it would "be able to run the thruster long enough to fully characterize its performance in space with dozens of stop start cycles and [to] then safely de-orbit the vehicle."
- 24. Momentus, through its launch partner, stated in a publicly filed FCC application on September 12, 2018, that El Camino Real was "a commercial demonstration" of Momentus's propulsion system that would show its "reliability, longevity, performance, and utility." Momentus explained in the FCC application that the mission's objective was to demonstrate that its thrusters provide "cost-effective high delta V [change in velocity from thrust] capability" and thereby show that "this particular system is mature enough to be used by the small satellite market, and can be quickly and easily integrated with CubeSats as well as larger, more capable spacecraft." Kokorich reviewed this application at the time it was submitted to the FCC.
- 25. Contrary to the claims in Momentus's blog post or in the FCC application, the Momentus MET water propulsion thruster, as integrated into the MX-1 satellite, was not powerful enough or appropriate to provide commercial satellite-placement services. Moreover, the thruster was not powerful enough to provide any measurable or detectible changes in the MX-1 satellite's orbital velocity. As one former Momentus officer stated, the thruster tested in the El Camino Real

mission did not have "commercial potential" because it was "too small, too inefficient, too low in [specific impulse], too low in total impulse."

c. Momentus's Test Failed

- 26. The El Camino Real mission was a failure. After experiencing significant problems with supporting sub-systems and its propulsion system, Momentus attempted only 23 firings, and data suggests that only three hot firings produced plasma. None of those firings lasted a full minute or generated measurable thrust. Momentus lost contact with the satellite approximately three months into the planned six-month mission and was never able to attempt the remaining 77 firings it had planned, much less achieve any of the "100 individual burns of 1 minute or more." Thus, Momentus failed to meet its own criteria for mission success, as set forth in its internal slide presentation.
- 27. Momentus did not perform "dozens of start and stop cycles" or "safely deorbit" the vehicle, as represented in its January 2019 blog post.
 - 28. The MX-1 satellite is still in space, but it is not functional.
- 29. The El Camino Real mission did not demonstrate the commercial viability of the thruster tested. One former Momentus officer stated that the mission yielded "no data to suggest that that thruster would deliver an impulse of any commercial significance," and that Momentus was not able to characterize the performance of the thrusters. Additionally, a Momentus engineer admitted that the mission did not yield sufficient data to demonstrate the propulsion system's reliability or longevity.
- 30. Kokorich was kept informed of the relevant aspects of the El Camino Real results. By his own admission, he understood even before the launch that the mission was not designed to show that the thruster could provide measurable delta-v (change in velocity from thrust), to measure specific impulse (the efficiency of the propulsion system), or to show the thruster's

reliability. Kokorich was also copied on emails in November 2019 between Momentus's Chief Technology Officer and its Chief Engineer discussing creation of a "failure review board" to study the El Camino Real mission, due to the inability to obtain useful data from the mission because of its failure. In addition, one Momentus's engineer internally acknowledged in February 2020, in a document sent to Kokorich, that Momentus did not obtain "any useful mission results" from the launch.

d. Kokorich Publicly Mischaracterized the Results from Momentus's Test

- 31. In a September 25, 2019, article in the industry periodical Space News titled, "Momentus reports success in testing water plasma propulsion," Kokorich was quoted as stating, "Water plasma propulsion is now technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions," meaning it could be used commercially. He also repeated the claim from Momentus's January 2019 blog post that "the purpose of the El Camino Real mission was to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that Momentus will deliver their payloads to a given orbit."
- 32. As Kokorich knew or was reckless in not knowing, his claims in the Space News article were false and misleading because the El Camino Real mission was never intended to demonstrate the thruster's commercial viability or to give investors and customers "absolute confidence" that Momentus could maneuver customer payloads to a custom orbit. Moreover, the mission was a failure because the thruster produced plasma, which is necessary but not sufficient to generate thrust, only three times out of 23 attempts, and for less than a full minute each time, which did not meet Momentus's own criteria and explains why they did not obtain "any useful mission results." Even if the mission had achieved Momentus's internal criteria for success—which it did not, as Kokorich knew—it would not have demonstrated that the thruster was "technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions."

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e. Adverse Determinations Against Kokorich for National Security Reasons

- 33. Since 2018, multiple U.S. government agencies have taken actions adverse to Kokorich for national security reasons a fact known to Kokorich.
- 34. The Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, oversees the issuance of export control licenses, which authorize the provision of certain technologies to foreign individuals or entities. The stated mission of the BIS is to "advance U.S. national security, foreign policy, and economic objectives."
- 35. Because Kokorich is a Russian citizen, he could not access Momentus's export-controlled technology without an export control license. In 2017, Momentus (then operating under the name "Space Apprentices Enterprise") applied for an export control license for Kokorich. In March 2018, the BIS denied the application. In its rejection notice to Momentus, BIS explained that, after consulting with the Departments of Defense and State, it had concluded that Kokorich was not an "acceptable recipient" of the technology "for national security reasons."
- 36. In April 2018, in connection with Kokorich's investment in a different space technology company he founded before Momentus, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS"), an intergovernmental agency that includes the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and State sent a letter to Kokorich. In that letter, CFIUS informed Kokorich that it "believe[d]" his investment and the investments of certain others "pose[d] a risk to the national security of the United States." CFIUS explained that its analysis included an assessment of whether "a foreign person has the capability or intention to exploit or cause harm" (which CFIUS defines as the "threat"), and "whether the nature of the U.S. business creates susceptibility to impairment of U.S. national security (the "vulnerability")." CFIUS further explained that a national security risk is a "function of the interaction between threat and vulnerability."

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- 37. On or about June 22, 2018, CFIUS representatives participated in a teleconference with Kokorich's attorneys. On that call, CFIUS representatives informed Kokorich's attorneys that CFIUS had determined that a full divestiture of Kokorich's participation in the space technology company was necessary to mitigate the national security concerns.
- 38. After the teleconference, in a letter response dated June 24, 2018, on which Kokorich was copied, Kokorich's attorneys stated that they understood that CFIUS had deemed Kokorich a national security risk and tried to persuade CFIUS to reconsider this determination. Kokorich's attorneys argued that he was actually a national security asset and a vocal critic of the Russian government.
- 39. Kokorich's argument did not work. In a letter dated June 25, 2018, CFIUS told Kokorich that it would require him to divest his ownership and control interest in the space technology company. CFIUS explained that its concerns related, in part, to the sophistication of the company's technology and concerns involving Kokorich and other foreign investors.

f. Kokorich's Attempts to Legally Remain in the United States Were Repeatedly Rebuffed

- 40. In or about June 2018, U.S. Customs and Immigration Services ("USCIS") revoked Kokorich's work visa and denied his application for permanent resident status. In response, Kokorich applied for political asylum and withholding of removal proceedings in September 2018, claiming again that he was a prominent critic of the Russian government.
- 41. A year later, on or about August 28, 2019, USCIS issued a referral notice informing Kokorich that it had not granted his asylum application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings. USCIS stated that its determination was based on "inconsistencies" in Kokorich's application and testimony "with regard to [his] political affiliations and activities in Russia."

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- 42. On or about that same date, multiple government agencies, including the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the BIS's Office of Export Enforcement, arrived unannounced at Momentus's headquarters. Agents questioned multiple Momentus employees about possible export control violations by Kokorich as well as improper technology transfers.
- 43. Before they left, the federal agents detained Kokorich and transported him to an immigration detention center. Kokorich was subsequently released on bond.

g. Kokorich Sought a SPAC Merger with Momentus

- 44. By late 2019, Momentus was in constant fundraising mode. The company had no revenues and needed additional capital to fund its growth. Beginning in early 2020, Kokorich had discussions with an investment bank in an attempt to secure additional capital for Momentus's operations. In mid-2020, Momentus formally engaged the bank and sought its assistance to find a suitable SPAC candidate for a merger.
- 45. In addition to his discussions with Stable Road, Kokorich had discussions with two other SPACs. The two other SPACs chose not to move forward with a merger with Momentus because Momentus was still at a relatively early stage and immature as a company.
- 46. On or about June 29, 2020, Kokorich and Stable Road's CEO met in person for the first time at Stable Road's offices in California to discuss the possibility of a merger between the two companies. After the initial discussion, merger negotiations began in earnest in July 2020. Kokorich remained heavily involved in merger negotiations, including on the subject of Momentus's valuation and business model. He also helped develop a list of PIPE investors to contact and reviewed draft presentations to PIPE investors.
- 47. Pursuant to the merger agreement ultimately signed by Momentus and Stable Road, if approved by the shareholders, Kokorich would become the CEO of the new merged company.

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Kokorich was also entitled to exchange his shares of Momentus stock for approximately 19 million shares of stock in the new publicly traded company, which would be between 13.5% and 14.3% of the total shares outstanding.

II. Kokorich and Momentus Made Misrepresentations of Material Fact and Misleading Omissions about Momentus's Technology

- 48. From his very first meeting with Stable Road's CEO on June 29, 2020, Kokorich made misrepresentations and misleading omissions of material fact. For example, Kokorich told Stable Road's CEO that the El Camino Real mission had been a success and that it was a great achievement for Momentus to have fired the thruster and tested its propulsion technology in space. Specifically, Kokorich said that Momentus had performed a number of tests, with recorded data, and that the vehicle was still in space although they could no longer conduct additional tests.
- 49. Notably, in that discussion, Kokorich omitted material facts that made his statements about the El Camino Real mission misleading. Kokorich did not tell Stable Road's CEO of any of the failures, problems, shortcomings, or issues with the El Camino Real mission described above. Moreover, Kokorich did not explain to Stable Road's CEO that the El Camino Real mission was not designed to show any demonstrable impulse or delta-v from the thruster, or to demonstrate the thruster's reliability.
- 50. At the time he made these misstatements and misleading omissions of material fact, Kokorich knew, was reckless in not knowing, or should have known that Stable Road and its CEO would rely on his statements in determining to proceed with the merger and PIPE fund-raising, and that his false and misleading statements would be repeated to investors while promoting the merger.
- 51. Before signing the merger agreement, Momentus and Stable Road made multiple presentations to potential PIPE investors via Zoom. Kokorich personally participated in these

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presentations, and he mentioned the alleged "success" of the El Camino Real mission, but failed to disclose the significant failures, problems, shortcomings, and issues described above. The presentations were conducted by video conference and included slides that were shown to the PIPE investors during the presentations. Each of those presentations contained a slide titled, "Momentus at a Glance," which misleadingly claimed that Momentus "successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 – is still operational today." In total, PIPE investors agreed to purchase 17,500,000 shares of common stock of the merged company for \$10.00 per share.

- 52. Momentus and Stable Road announced their merger on October 7, 2020. That day, Kokorich and Stable Road's CEO made a presentation on a conference call to analysts and institutional investors using slides virtually identical to the ones shown to PIPE investors. This presentation similarly contained the claim that Momentus "successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 is still operational today." In his scripted comments, Kokorich falsely reiterated that Momentus had "successfully tested our groundbreaking thruster in space." Again, Kokorich failed to disclose the significant failures, problems, shortcomings, or issues described above. Stable Road publicly filed a copy of these slides and the presenters' script on a Form 8-K later that day.
- 53. During Kokorich's tenure as Momentus's CEO, Stable Road filed an initial S-4 registration statement related to the merger on November 2, 2020, and a subsequent amended registration statement on December 14, 2020. A registration statement is a filing with the SEC making required disclosures in connection with the registration of a security, a securities offering, or an investment company under federal securities laws.

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- 54. Kokorich participated in the preparation of the November and December 2020 S-4 registration statements, and specifically the subsections of the S-4 statements that described or contained information about Momentus. In addition to the overall review and approval of Momentus's portion of the registration statements as Momentus's CEO, Kokorich helped to draft what he described as the technology and business or market strategy sections of the S-4 statements.
- 55. Each registration statement contained a subsection titled, "Information about Momentus" that is written in Momentus's voice, and that Momentus drafted. In this subsection of each registration statement, Momentus falsely states that it "successfully tested our water plasma propulsion technology in space," referring to the El Camino Real mission.
- 56. Each subsection also contained a graphic captioned: "Our water plasma propulsion technology." In the body of the slide there is a diagram of a thruster surrounded by various claims about the thruster's functionality, including: "High ISP Tunable up to 2 to 5 times common chemical propulsion systems"; and "High thrust Tunable up to 3 to 10 times most common electrical propulsion systems."
- 57. Momentus's characterizations of the El Camino Real mission in the registration statements were false and misleading. Momentus boasted in its graphic that its "water plasma propulsion technology" offered high thrust and high ISP (specific impulse), and elsewhere claimed that its "water plasma propulsion technology" was successfully tested in space. However, the El Camino Real mission did not demonstrate high thrust or high specific impulse. It did not demonstrate that the thruster it tested was "tunable up to 2 to 5 times common chemical propulsion systems" or "up to 3 to 30 times most common electrical propulsion systems." The registration statements failed to disclose any of the significant failures, problems, shortcomings, or issues

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described above. The claims in the registration statements that Momentus "successfully tested" its technology were therefore materially false and misleading.

- 58. Moreover, the only publicly available criteria for what constituted success for the mission were contained in Momentus's pre-launch blog post and the FCC application filed by Momentus's launch partner. By characterizing the mission as a success without explaining the many failures and problems experienced during the mission, or that the mission failed Momentus's pre-launch evaluation criteria, Kokorich and Momentus made materially false statements and/or omitted facts necessary to make their statements not misleading.
- 59. Investors had no way of knowing, based on the bare claim that the El Camino Real mission "successfully tested" Momentus's thrusters, that the mission did not demonstrate that Momentus's services would be "on time, safe and reliable," as promised in the blog. Similarly, they had no way to know that the mission did not demonstrate the thrusters' "reliability, longevity, performance, and utility," as described in the FCC application.
- 60. On June 29, 2021, Stable Road and Momentus filed with the SEC an amended registration statement that corrected these false statements and misleading omissions by describing the actual results of the El Camino Real mission. The registration statement explained that "[t]he mission's objective was to demonstrate the MET's ability to produce water plasma in space by performing 100 one minute firings." After discussing the failure of the MX-1 satellite, and the associated problems with the attempted firings of the thruster which were stopped "after only 23 of the planned 100 firings had been performed," the statement clarified that "a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasma generation" and that "the three hot firings that did have water present were found to have produced plasma."

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- 61. Kokorich and Momentus's false statements and misleading omissions were material to investors. Because Momentus can only generate revenue under its current business plan if its thruster can generate commercially significant thrust, reasonable investors would find it important to know whether Momentus had actually proven that its technology is commercially viable. They would find it important to know whether Momentus had shown that its services would be "on time, safe and reliable" or whether Momentus could "deliver [customer] payloads to a given orbit." They would also find it important to know whether the mission succeeded according to Momentus's pre-launch definition of success. By misleading investors about the results of the in-space testing, Kokorich and Momentus gave investors false comfort that Momentus was further on the road to the commercial deployment of its technology than it actually was.
- 62. Kokorich and Momentus knowingly or recklessly made the misrepresentations and omissions of material fact regarding the El Camino Real mission, as described in paragraphs 48 through 61 above. They understood that the launch was never designed to test the commercial viability of Momentus's thrusters. They also knew that the launch did not yield "any useful mission results," as one of Momentus's engineers wrote in an internal document shared with Kokorich. Yet they claimed that the test would give investors "absolute confidence" that Momentus could deliver customer payloads to a given orbit and repeatedly represented that the mission was a success without any qualification.
 - III. Kokorich and Momentus Made Misrepresentations of Material Fact and Misleading Omissions about Kokorich's National Security Issues
 - a. U.S. Government Agencies' National Security Determinations Regarding Kokorich Threatened Momentus's Viability
- 63. Before it is able to launch any vehicle on a U.S. mission, Momentus or its launch partners must obtain licenses from various U.S. government agencies, including the Federal

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Aviation Administration ("FAA"). Those agencies have the authority to deny a license for national security reasons and work in consultation with the U.S. Department of Defense to determine if the payload of a mission presents a national security risk.

- 64. If Momentus or its launch partner is unable to obtain the necessary licenses, Momentus cannot execute on its business plan. It may be unable to conduct additional missions to test its technology. It may also never be able to offer commercial satellite placement services.
- 65. The U.S. government's national security-related determinations about Kokorich therefore posed a significant threat to Momentus's ability to participate in launches and generate meaningful revenue and were material.
 - b. Kokorich and Momentus Repeatedly Mischaracterized Kokorich's National Security Issues
- 66. Just as he had misled Stable Road's CEO about the purported "success" of the El Camino Real mission, from the beginning of the merger discussions, Kokorich told Stable Road's CEO that he was confident that his asylum application would be approved. Specifically, Kokorich told Stable Road's CEO prior to signing the merger agreement that he had a strong case for political asylum, and that he also had a second path to U.S. citizenship if for any reason the asylum application was not granted. Kokorich's immigration status was of interest to Stable Road because Kokorich was supposed to lead the new company and because Momentus described him as important to the company's success. As Momentus stated in the relevant registration statements filed on November 2, 2020 and December 14, 2020, "Momentus is highly dependent on Mikhail Kokorich, its co-founder and chief executive officer. Mr. Kokorich invented the majority of Momentus's inventions and remains deeply involved in Momentus's business."
- 67. Notably, Kokorich did not tell Stable Road's CEO that the USCIS had previously issued a referral notice saying that it had not granted his asylum application, and that it had referred

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his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings. Kokorich also assured Stable Road's CEO that the CFIUS divestiture order regarding his other space technology company was closed, and that it was a different situation from his Momentus ownership. In that vein, Kokorich asserted that the issues CFIUS raised in the prior matter had to do with other investors, not specifically him, even though he knew or was reckless in not knowing the opposite was true based on CFIUS's communications with his counsel.

- 68. Kokorich and Momentus also failed to share with Stable Road the extent of Kokorich's national security issues with the U.S. government. Specifically, they did not tell Stable Road that U.S. government agencies had previously, and repeatedly, made adverse determinations against Kokorich for national security reasons.
- 69. Despite Kokorich's assurances that his asylum application would be granted, U.S. government agencies' adverse determinations against Kokorich for national security reasons continued to create problems for him and Momentus in the months leading up to the merger announcement. In February 2020, Momentus filed a new application for an export control license for Kokorich. On April 15, 2020, Momentus learned that the application's status was "hold without action," meaning the application had been placed on hold by the BIS reviewer. On October 7, 2020, the day the merger was announced, a BIS representative emailed Momentus's Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer to convey, in part, that the Departments of Defense and State had indicated that they would recommend denying the application. Two days later, the same representative further disclosed that the Departments of Defense, State and Energy had all recommended denying the application. On October 23, 2020, the representative emailed to disclose that BIS's Operating Committee had determined to deny the license, although the representative indicated the possibility that he might seek to appeal that decision internally.

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70. On November 9, 2020, after the filing with the SEC of the first registration statement for the merger, but before the filing of the second registration statement, Momentus and Kokorich learned that there would be no internal appeal and that U.S. Department of Commerce would deny Momentus's pending application for an export control license for Kokorich. Momentus received the formal notification of the intent to deny the application. That letter notification stated that Momentus's technology would make a "significant contribution to the military potential to any other country or combination of countries which would prove detrimental to the national security of the United States" and that Kokorich was not an acceptable recipient of Momentus's technology.

c. Kokorich's National Security Issues Negatively Affected Momentus's Operations

- 71. The growing issues that Momentus faced by having Kokorich as a CEO came to a head in December 2020, just two months after the merger announcement. Momentus was scheduled to participate in a launch with a large commercial launch provider in January 2021. That launch represented a key milestone for Momentus because it was supposed to be the company's first commercial flight.
- 72. On December 22, 2020, the FAA notified the launch provider that it would not approve the upcoming rocket launch with Momentus's payload on board. As a result, the launch provider removed Momentus's payload from its rocket and proceeded with the launch. On January 4, 2021, Momentus issued a press release stating that it was "remanifesting its January 2021 mission to a subsequent launch opportunity in 2021," which would "allow for the additional time necessary to secure FAA approval of Momentus's payloads." On January 7, 2021, the FAA sent a letter to the launch provider explaining that the Department of Defense had identified potential national security concerns with Momentus's payloads and that it could not approve the provider's launch if

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it included Momentus's payload because the Department of Defense's review would not be complete before the launch date.

- 73. Shortly after this setback, on January 21, 2021, Momentus learned of a letter from the Department of Defense stating that Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of Kokorich's ownership and control of the company. On January 25, 2021, Kokorich stepped down as CEO of Momentus and placed his shares of Momentus stock in a voting trust.
- 74. Even that did not solve Momentus's problems, however. In May 2021, the FAA once again did not approve Momentus's participation in a June 2021 launch with the launch provider. On May 10, 2021, Momentus received a letter from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") denying Momentus's application for a payload review.
- 75. The FAA explicitly based its denial on a finding that the launch of Momentus's payload would jeopardize national security due to Momentus's then-current corporate structure.
- 76. Later in May 2021, the launch provider informed Momentus that it would not allow any Momentus payload on any launch through the end of the year while Momentus "works to secure approvals from the U.S. government." Momentus's best-case scenario, therefore, is an inaugural commercial launch in January 2022, a full year after Momentus hoped to begin offering commercial services.
- 77. On June 9, 2021, Kokorich and Momentus entered into a National Security Agreement with CFIUS, pursuant to which Kokorich agreed to fully divest from the company and Momentus agreed, among other things, to implement increased security measures and appoint a CFIUS-approved director to its board of directors.

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d. Material Misrepresentations and Misleading Omissions in the Registration Statements

- 78. As a result of Kokorich and Momentus's deception, both the initial registration statement, filed in November 2020, and the amended registration statement, filed in December 2020 (after Momentus learned that Kokorich's most recent application for an export license would be denied for national security reasons), contain material false statements and misleading omissions regarding Kokorich's national security status. As described in Paragraph 54, Kokorich participated in the preparation of the November and December 2020 S-4 registration statements. In his role as CEO, Kokorich generally reviewed and approved Momentus's portion of the registration statements.
- 79. As described above, each registration statement contained a subsection titled, "Information about Momentus," that Momentus drafted. Kokorich reviewed and approved these subsections before they were provided to Stable Road for inclusion in the registration statement. In that subsection, Momentus stated that it believed Kokorich's asylum application would be granted. Because the U.S. government would be unlikely to grant asylum to an individual it viewed as a national security threat, that statement falsely implied that Kokorich was not a national security risk. Kokorich knew that multiple U.S. government agencies had raised national security concerns about him and had provided specific grounds for doing so. To state that Momentus believed Kokorich's asylum application would be granted without disclosing the actions taken by these agencies or their stated grounds for doing so was materially misleading.
- 80. Additionally, in the "Risk Factors" subsection, which Momentus also drafted and provided to Stable Road for inclusion in the registration statement, and which Kokorich reviewed and did not correct, Momentus disclosed that Kokorich had not "yet" obtained an export control license. Momentus did not explain, however, that the BIS had denied Momentus's first application

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in 2018 because of national security issues. It also did not explain that, at the time of the first registration statement, Momentus's pending application had been placed on hold or that, at the time of the second registration statement, BIS had formally communicated its intent to deny the application for national security reasons. Those omissions were materially misleading because they left investors with the impression that Momentus anticipated that Kokorich would ultimately receive an export control license, when in fact the company had no basis for that expectation given Kokorich's national security problems.

- 81. Both the initial and first amended S-4 registration statements included aggressive revenue projections for Momentus, forecasting that the company would grow from zero revenues in 2019 to revenues of over \$4 billion in 2027. Those projections were materially misleading, however, because they failed to disclose that Kokorich's ownership and leadership of the company jeopardized Momentus's ability to earn any revenue from U.S.-based launches, and Momentus only had U.S.-based launches planned at the time.
- 82. Kokorich knew all of the relevant facts related to the various adverse determinations against him for national security reasons. Specifically, Kokorich knew that in 2018 he had to divest his interest in his prior space technology company because CFIUS determined he posed a threat to national security. He also knew that Momentus's 2020 application for an export control license for him would be denied for national security reasons. Similarly, he knew that his asylum application was based on a claim that he was a prominent critic of the Russian government, an argument that had failed to persuade CFIUS in 2018 that he was not a national security risk. And he knew or was reckless in not knowing how his status as a national security risk could threaten Momentus's ability to join U.S.-based launches as discussed in Momentus's business plans.

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83. Kokorich also knew or was reckless in not knowing that he failed to share this information with Stable Road. He also knew or was reckless in not knowing that the omission of the fact that the denial of the export control licenses for Kokorich because he had been deemed a national security risk would mislead investors. And he knew or was reckless in not knowing that his claim that his asylum application would likely be granted, which ignored the U.S. government's repeated conclusions that he was a national security risk, was false.

CLAIMS

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Kokorich for Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder)

- 84. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 85. By reason of the conduct described above, Kokorich, in connection with the purchase or sale of a security, by the use of means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange, directly or indirectly: (a) used or employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) made an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons. As alleged above, Kokorich's fraudulent violations included: misleading Stable Road and its representatives regarding Momentus's technology and his own national security issues; participating in the creation, editing, or approval of investor presentations that contained misrepresentations or misleading omissions of material fact; making false and misleading statements and omissions of material fact directly to PIPE investors; and participating in the

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creation, review and approval of portions of the relevant registration statements that contain misrepresentations or misleading omissions of material fact.

- 86. While engaging in the conduct described above, Kokorich acted knowingly or recklessly.
- 87. By engaging in the conduct described above, Kokorich violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will again violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Kokorich for Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act)

- 88. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 89. By reason of the conduct described above, Kokorich, in the offer or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly: (i) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (ii) obtained money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (iii) engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser. As alleged above, Kokorich's fraudulent violations included: misleading Stable Road and its representatives regarding Momentus's technology and his own national security issues; participating in the creation, editing, or approval of investor presentations that contained misrepresentations or misleading omissions of material fact; making false and misleading statements and omissions of material fact directly to PIPE investors; and participating

in the creation, review and approval of portions of the relevant registration statements that contain misrepresentations or misleading omissions of material fact.

- 90. While engaging in the conduct described above, Kokorich acted knowingly, recklessly, or negligently.
- 91. By engaging in the conduct described above, Kokorich violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will again violate, Sections 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Kokorich for Aiding and Abetting Momentus's Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act)

- 92. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 93. Momentus violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] by reason of Kokorich's conduct described above and by making false statements and misleading omissions of material fact in the relevant registration statements.
- 94. Kokorich knowingly or recklessly provided substantial assistance that aided and abetted Momentus's violations.
- 95. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)], Kokorich is liable for Momentus's violations.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Kokorich for Aiding and Abetting Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act)

96. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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- 97. Momentus violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q] by reason of Kokorich's conduct described above and by making false statements and misleading omissions of material fact in the relevant registration statements.
- 98. Kokorich knowingly or recklessly provided substantial assistance that aided and abetted Momentus's violations.
- 99. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77o(b)], Kokorich is liable for those violations.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court enter a Final Judgment:

I.

Issue findings of fact and conclusions of law that Defendant Kokorich committed the alleged violations.

II.

Issue judgments, in forms consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, permanently enjoining Defendant Kokorich and his agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the judgment by personal service or otherwise, from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] and Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

III.

Order Defendant to disgorge all funds received from his illegal conduct, together with prejudgment interest thereon, under Section 21(d)(5) and Section 21(d)(7) of the Exchange Act.

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IV.

Order Defendant to pay civil penalties under Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)].

V.

Enter an order against Kokorich pursuant to Sections 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)], and Sections 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], prohibiting him from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

VI.

Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

VII.

Grant such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just and necessary.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Commission demands a jury trial on all the issues so triable.

Dated: July 13, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit 3

Export License Rejection Notice Z1553164 Action Date: March 22, 2018



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE **BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY** WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, the referenced application for export license is denied. In reaching the decision we gave full consideration to any rebuttal you may have made to previous communication from this office. The right to appeal this decision expires 45 days from the date of this notice. The appeal procedure is outlined in Part 756 of the Export Administration Regulations. If you have questions regarding Export Controls please contact the Outreach and Educational Services Division at 202-482-4811 or the Western Regional Office at 949-660-0144.

Applicant Reference Number: SAE0001

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REASON:

After reviewing your application for commodities classified under 9x515 (¿515 commodities¿), the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Department of Defense and the Department of State, denies the application referenced above at this time. Pursuant to Section 3(2)(A) and 5(a) of the EAA, the Department has concluded that the ultimate consignee is not an acceptable recipient at this time of U.S.-origin items controlled for national security reasons.

COMMODITIES:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	ECCN	TOTAL
			PRICE
1	Technology required for the use of electrothermal propulsion devices and thrusters.	9E515	\$1.00

TOTAL: \$1.00

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Exhibit 4

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FOIA Exempt

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Re: CFIUS Case 18-063 - Kokorich Stock Holdings in Astro Digital U.S., Inc. 1

Dear Mr. Hanson:

We are writing in follow-up to our June 22, 2018 teleconference with several of your CFIUS colleagues in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Defense regarding the national security implications of the investment by Mikhail and Liudmila Kokorich ("the Kokoriches") in Astro Digital US, Inc. ("Astro Digital" or the "Company") in connection with the above-referenced CFIUS case (formerly CFIUS Case 18-016 and CFIUS Case 17-211).

¹ Pursuant to Section 721(b) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, Mikhail and Liudmila Kokorich request that the information and documentary material submitted herewith be treated as confidential information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552 et seq., in keeping with the requirements of 50 U.S.C. App. 2170(c). The Kokoriches have submitted this information on the basis that the information and documentary material presented herewith are exempt from disclosure to the public under the FOIA. Furthermore, the Kokoriches have submitted this information based on their understanding that CFIUS will not share it with any other party to CFIUS Case 18-063, or their respective counsel. This further understanding is a key aspect of the Kokoriches' willingness to share highly sensitive information with CFIUS.

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During the teleconference, CFIUS informed us that it is preparing to order the Kokoriches to divest their ownership interest in Astro Digital. According to your colleagues, CFIUS has concluded that the Kokoriches present a threat to the national security of the United States, such that CFIUS is preparing to order them to divest their ownership in Astro Digital along with the other foreign investors in the Company. As we expressed during the call, we believe that any such order regarding the Kokoriches is inconceivable and wildly inconsistent with the information we have provided. Indeed, that information shows that the Kokoriches are an asset, rather than a threat, to U.S. national security.

It appears that CFIUS has failed to consider the distinguishing circumstances of the Kokoriches' investment in Astro Digital, and the family's deep connections to the United States, despite the wealth of information we have provided to CFIUS. The Kokoriches are unique in what they contribute to Astro Digital and to the United States as compared to the other foreign investors, and any decision by CFIUS that treats the Kokoriches like the other foreign investors does not recognize the same. Forcing the Kokoriches to divest their ownership stake in Astro Digital would constitute a gross failure by CFIUS to extend due process to the Kokoriches, and amount to an unconstitutional taking of personal property. Such a decision would also cause immediate, unwarranted, and irreparable harm to both the Kokoriches and Astro Digital. We again implore CFIUS to reconsider its decision.

We have provided direct and incontrovertible evidence of the vast differences in circumstances between the Kokoriches and the other foreign investors vis a vis Astro Digital. We understand that CFIUS believes at least some of that information is outside the scope of its review. We believe otherwise, and in any event, we note that the Kokoriches' family circumstances provide them with ample motivation to continue their fight to retain their investment in Astro Digital, and by extension, their opportunity to remain in the United States.

Immediately below is a brief refresh of the most important factors that we believe show, incontrovertibly, that the Kokoriches' investment in Astro Digital is distinguishable from that of the other foreign investors, and does not, in any event, present a national security threat to the United States.

> Greenfield Investment

The Kokoriches originally acquired their shares in Astro Digital in connection with the founding of the Company. In other words, the Kokoriches obtained their ownership through a greenfield investment that was, and remains, outside CFIUS coverage. We intend to emphasize this threshold fact in any appeal.

Mikhail is an Asset to U.S. National Security / Active Supporter of and Financial Contributor to Anti-Putin Organizations

Mikhail is, and by extension, his family are, U.S. national security assets, not risks. Mikhail is well known and respected in the emerging New Space industry. He is also an active supporter of and financial contributor to several high profile anti-Putin organizations that are antithetical to

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Russian President Putin and the current Russian government, including the Open Russia Foundation, Free Russia Foundation, and the Institute of Modern Russia. Mikhail's involvement in these anti-Putin organizations is so significant that Mikhail's parents in Siberia were recently threatened by the Russian state police and told that Mikhail would have "big problems" if he ever returns to Russia. Any decision that forces the Kokoriches to divest their ownership interest in Astro Digital will have the effect of forcing them to leave the United States to our nation's detriment.

Astro Digital's Technology Is Common / Respect for U.S. Export Controls

Astro Digital's technology is controlled exclusively under the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"), as opposed to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR"). The technology is therefore not, by definition, related to either military or intelligence-based requirements or attributes. In addition, contrary to DoD's apparent assessment, we can attest to the fact that the technology is not groundbreaking, and that the associated spacecraft is comprised largely of commercial off-the-shelf components acquired from foreign suppliers. Moreover, Astro Digital's proposed service offering is no different from that provided by other commercial enterprises, including some based outside of the United States. We refer you to the ample evidence that Astro Digital itself has provided regarding the same.

In addition to the foregoing, and in any event, both Astro Digital and Mikhail are well versed in U.S. export control and sanctions laws and regulations, and very much respect concomitant restrictions on access to controlled technology. Mikhail takes a leadership role to ensure that robust technology control plans are in place within companies in which he is involved, including Astro Digital. As CFIUS is likely well aware, U.S. persons lead Astro Digital and are committed to compliance with all relevant laws and regulations. Accordingly, there is no scenario in which either Mikhail or the Company would allow Mikhail to have access to controlled technology without proper U.S. government authorization.

Dire Financial Condition of Astro Digital

As a direct result of the ongoing CFIUS case, which has now spanned almost two years, Astro Digital has not been able to obtain new investment or funding, even from U.S. parties, and is now in a dire financial condition. Without immediate funding, including from the Kokoriches if permitted, Astro Digital will run out of funds within the next month. Ironically, the CFIUS case has had the ironic effect of stifling U.S. technological advancement and causing the precipitous decline of a U.S. business.

➤ Kokoriches' Integration into the United States

As previously noted, having long admired the United States and amidst growing concerns regarding Vladimir Putin's authoritarian rule, the Kokoriches left Russia in 2013 and entered the United States. Since that time, the Kokoriches have invested a substantial amount of their considerable resources, both monetary and personal, within the United States. Mikhail and his family no longer have any investments in Russia or direct dealings with Russian entities or the

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Russian government. The Kokoriches have significant ties to their community in the United States. They have a home in California with strong ties to the community, and their two daughters, Anna and Alena, are both thriving in school. In addition, the Kokoriches' investments and business acumen have created a variety of high quality U.S.-based jobs and supported U.S.-based technology development, both of which greatly benefit the United States.

For all of the reasons noted above and previously submitted, we again implore CFIUS to consider the national security implications of the Kokoriches' investment in Astro Digital separately from those of the other foreign investors in the Company. Any decision to treat the Kokoriches in the same manner as the other foreign investors in Astro Digital will almost certainly result in further adjudication of this matter.

As always, we will be happy to provide additional information and address any questions CFIUS may have. Thank you for your continued consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerry T. Scarlott

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ce: Mikhail and Liudmila Kokorich Lana Muranovic, Esq.

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Re: Need El Camino Real Failure Review Board

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Dawn Harms dawn.harms@momentus.space, Alexander Fishkin <a lex@momentus.space>

Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2019 17:15:34 +0000

Hey Joel,

I'm not sure we will get significant value from bringing in outsiders and it will slow down the process (coordination, NDAs, etc...). Technically we are the outsiders for this review as we don't have intimate knowledge of their technology or processes. I am confident our people can quickly review their data and find a path forward.

I will talk to AD and kick this off.

Nathan



Nathan Orr Chief Engineer +1 (650) 316 3096 momentus.space

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On Nov 26, 2019, at 5:16 PM, Joel Sercel < joel.sercel@momentus.space > wrote:

Hi Nathan

Even if we recover the spacecraft, at this point it is my judgement that we need to convene a failure review board because the computer is proven not reliable enough IMO as CTO to baseline for Vigoride without corrective action and a failure cause. I am sure AD will want Jan King involved, but this needs to be our board and they need to pay for their costs. Jan can be a presenter, but not a board member (This is his failure). Which outsiders can we get quickly to crawl over the date from this mission and their other missions in which this anomaly has taken place, and figure out what is going on and how to save Vigoride 0.8?

I think it is critical that Kyle be involved heavily as a presenter in this.

I am asking you to lead this process as our Chief Engineer. This should be a highly technical informal process. Would like to have a plan and way ahead by COB Monday. This is for discussion at tomorrow's risk management meeting. Would like to close this out in a week or so and figure out the way ahead.

The plan should be for you and the board to report out to me with your findings.

Thanks much

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To: 'Alexander Fishkin'[alex@momentus.space]; Philip Hover-Smoot[philip.hover-smoot@momentus.space]

From: Wolf, Kevin[kwolf@akingump.com]

Sent on behalf of: Wolf, Kevin < kwolf@akingump.com>
Sent: Thur 11/12/2020 4:10:28 PM Pacific Standard Time
Subject: RE: Intent to Deny Notification from Commerce

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From: Alexander Fishkin <alex@momentus.space>
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Subject: Intent to Deny Notification from Commerce

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Philip, Kevin -

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November 12, 2020

Philip Hover-Smoot Momentus, Inc. 3500 South DuPont Highway Dover, DE 19901

Application Control No: Z1638210

Dear Mr. Hover-Smoot,

In accordance with Section 1756(a)(2) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (ECRA) and Section 750.6(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the Department of Commerce is informing you of the intent to deny the application referenced above. The Department of Commerce believes that denial of this application furthers the United States policy in Section 1752(1)(A) of the ECRA, to restrict the export of goods and technology which would make a significant contribution to the military potential of any other country or combination of countries which would prove detrimental to the national security of the United States.

After reviewing your application for deemed export of Vigoride software and technology to Mr. Mikhail Kokorich, the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Energy, has concluded the end user is not an acceptable recipient at this time of U.S.-origin items per Section 742.4(b)(7) of the EAR.

We will withhold further action on this application for 20 calendar days from the date of this letter. Section 750.6(b) of the EAR allows you to respond to the decision before the license application is denied. Your application will be held, and processing suspended, pending receipt of any comments or rebuttals you may wish to make. Should you wish to respond to this letter, your response should be submitted as a response to this ITD notice in SNAP-R and addressed to: Michael Rithmire, Director, Sensors and Aviation Division, Office of National Security and Technology Transfer Controls, Bureau of Industry and Security, Washington, DC 20044. If you have questions regarding this denial decision, please contact Michael Tu at (202) 482-6462.

If you do not respond to this decision within 20 calendar days from the date of this letter, the license application will be denied. If you do respond, the Bureau of Industry and Security will advise you if, as a result of your response, the decision to deny has been changed or is under reconsideration. You may also request an immediate denial before the end of the 20 days.

Unless you are so advised by the 45th day after the date of this notification, the denial will become final without further notice. You will then have 45 days from the date of final denial to exercise your right to appeal under Section 756.2(b) of the EAR.

Sincerely,

Michael Rithmire Director, Sensors and Aviation Division Office of National Security and Technology Transfer Controls



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3000 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-3000

Acting Chairman Elad Roisman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, DC 20549

January 13, 2021

Dear Acting Chairman Roisman:

My office is aware that Stable Road Acquisition Corp. (Nasdaq: SRAC) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Momentus Inc. (Momentus) to create an Initial Public Offering (IPO) for Momentus (Nasdaq: MNTS). The Department of Defense (DoD) has concluded that Momentus presently poses a risk to national security and accordingly has requested appropriate governmental agencies conduct national security reviews. These risks stem from Momentus' foreign ownership, financial relationships, and business activities discussed in greater detail below. Until these reviews have been conducted and the national security risks effectively mitigated to the satisfaction of DoD, my office will continue to recommend that DoD places an indefinite hold on all Momentus' relationships with DoD. This will include, where appropriate, DoD contractors and service providers.

DoD has also closely reviewed the disclosure documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and assesses they contain potential material misrepresentations, misleading statements, or omissions made by SRAC regarding Momentus. These misstatements may negatively impact investors unless a fulsome disclosure of the below risks are properly and fully disclosed to the SEC.

National Security Concerns:

• In April 2012, Mikhail Kokorich, a Russian national and U.S. asylum seeker, founded Dauria Aerospace in Munich, Germany. Dauria had an office in Skolkovo, Russia as well as a U.S.-based subsidiary in Mountain View, California. According to publicly available financial information and news outlets, Dauria was financially backed by Russian and Chinese investors. In April 2014, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a statement that the Skolkovo Foundation "may be a means for the Russian government to access our nation's sensitive or classified research." The announcement of the Chinese investment was made by Dauria partner, the Skolkovo Foundation.

¹ https://spacenews.com/39609spotlight-dauria-aerospace/

² https://newspaceglobal.com/dauria-aerospace-receives-70m-chinese-investment-fund/

³ https://www.bizjournals.com/boston/blog/startups/2014/04/fbis-boston-office-warns-businesses-of-venture.html

⁴ http://www.parabolicarc.com/tag/dauria-aerospace/

⁵ https://room.eu.com/article/Skolkovo and a new breed of Russian space startups

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These foreign financial relationships and business activities warrant national security reviews by DoD and other appropriate government agencies. As discussed in more detail below, DoD interprets the information provided in the SEC Form S-4 filed by SRAC on November 22, 2020, as containing omissions of material facts that should be disclosed to the SEC.

• On November 2, 2020, SRAC filed an S-4 regarding Momentus with the SEC.⁶ On page 210 of this filing, SRAC stated "Momentus issued a convertible promissory note to Nortrone Finance S.A. ("Nortrone") in exchange for \$200,000. Nortrone Finance S.A. is owned by Mikhail Kokorich and his wife [Luidmila Kokorich]." In contrast to this benign description of financing by Nortrone, Nortrone was identified in the Panama Papers as being a financial intermediary between the bearer of the shares and Capita Fiduciary. Capita Fiduciary, in turn, is reportedly based in Luxembourg, and reportedly registered in Jersey, UK. This same document listed BrainySpace LLC as an investor and stated it is owned by Olga Khasis, wife of Lev Khasis. Lev Khasis is the First Deputy Chairman of Russia's state-owned bank, Sberbank. Sberbank is on the Office of Foreign Assets Control's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list; commonly referred to as the "Sanctions List."

This complex and opaque foreign ownership structure thus may not accurately reflect the ultimate beneficial owner of Momentus nor the true identity of financiers of Momentus. Moreover, conducting business with or having financial relationships with sanctioned individuals or entities can result in significant legal or administrative actions that are adverse to the stated business operations of Momentus. These financial relationships and Momentus' opaque foreign ownership structure warrant national security reviews by DoD and other appropriate government agencies. DoD interprets the information provided in the S-4 as an omission of a material fact that should be disclosed to the SEC.

Disclosure Documents:

• The November 2, 2020, S-4 addresses forward-looking statements including "the ability to attract or maintain a qualified workforce with the required security clearances and requisite skills." This disclosure does not adequately address the possibility of a revocation of security clearances for all employees, contractors, or executives should that be determined following the national security review process. DoD interprets the information provided in the S-4 as misleading because it does not capture the full extent of possible outcomes following a national security review.

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1781162/000121390020034368/fs42020_stableroadacq.htm

⁷ https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/nodes/10174666

⁸ https://panama.data2www.com/e/10174666

⁹ https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/nodes/11003262

¹⁰ http://independentdirectors.net/jersey/capita-fiduciary-group-ltd/

¹¹ https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/AKSJF/company-people/executive-profile/2504355

- The November 2, 2020, S-4 states that Mikhail Kokorich "is seeking asylum" and that if his application is not granted that it will make it difficult for "him to perform his duties as Chief Executive Officer." DoD interprets this statement as misleading because even if Mikhail Kokorich is granted asylum, he would not immediately become a U.S. Citizen. Non-U.S. citizens do not automatically qualify for a security clearance. 12 Therefore, the CEO of Momentus would not be able to access any sensitive information or facilities without violating DoD mandates and administrative laws and regulations. This includes DoD contractors and suppliers such as Lockheed Martin and Space-X, two DoD contractors listed in the "Momentus Investor Presentation December 2020." Furthermore, DoD understands that many of Momentus' relevant patents are held by Mikhail Kokorich. DoD is currently reviewing these patents to assess whether these patents cover inventions that serve in critical roles within the DoD space enterprise. If these patents or their applications are sensitive by nature, this may jeopardize future launches or demonstrations by Momentus should Mikhail Kokorich's asylum application not be granted. DoD interprets the description of Mikhail Kokorich's asylum application and its failure to address any negatively associated outcomes following a determination as misleading.
- The November 2, 2020, S-4 acknowledges that Momentus is subject to U.S. laws regarding "export/import controls, sanctions, technology transfer restrictions, [and] government contracts and procurement" among others. The disclosure goes on to state "[f]ailure by us, our employees, affiliates, partners or others with whom we work to comply with applicable laws and regulations could result in administrative, civil, commercial or criminal liabilities, including suspension or debarment from government contracts or suspension of our export/import privileges." DoD is currently reviewing a 2019 federal investigation to determine if Mikhail Kokorich violated export control laws while serving as both an investor and executive in several satellite companies. 13 DoD believes that Momentus accurately states the legal ramifications of violating the law, but fails to effectively disclose that its CEO, Mikhail Kokorich, has been investigated for these same violations and that DoD is currently reviewing them following discovery of the cited article. DoD interprets the failure to disclose Kokorich's past investigation, or its subsequent review, as a material omission of risks posed to investors.

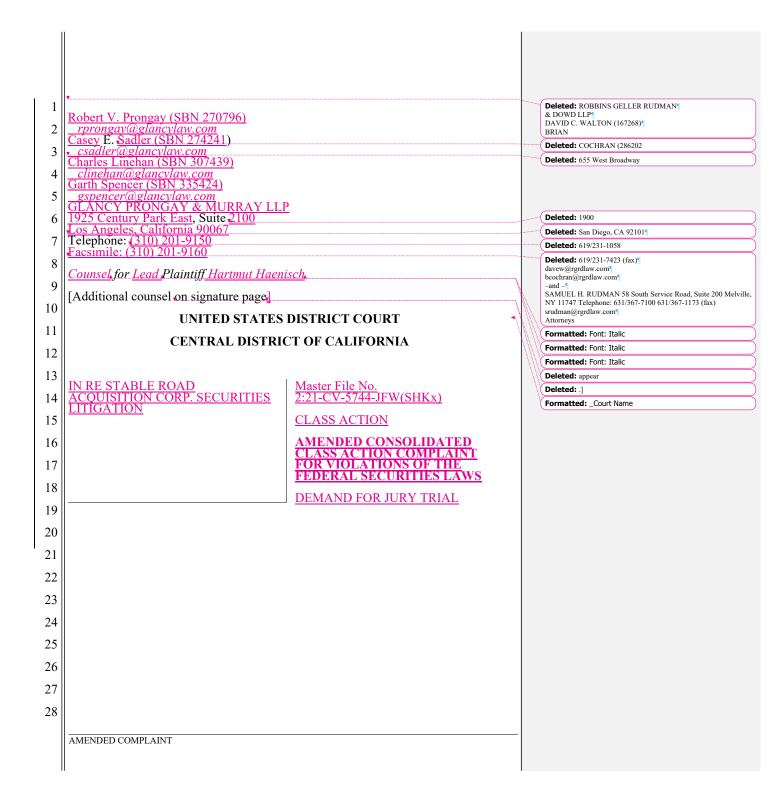
These above facts have led DoD to concluded that Momentus' current proposal poses a risk to investors. DoD requests that because of outstanding national security concerns the SEC delay the IPO of Momentus in order to provide DoD and other government agencies the appropriate time to conduct further due diligence.

Andrew Pahutski Director Com Director, Office of Foreign Investment Review

¹² https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/ctp/int/security/

¹³ https://news.yahoo.com/ceo-1-2-billion-space-110051362.html

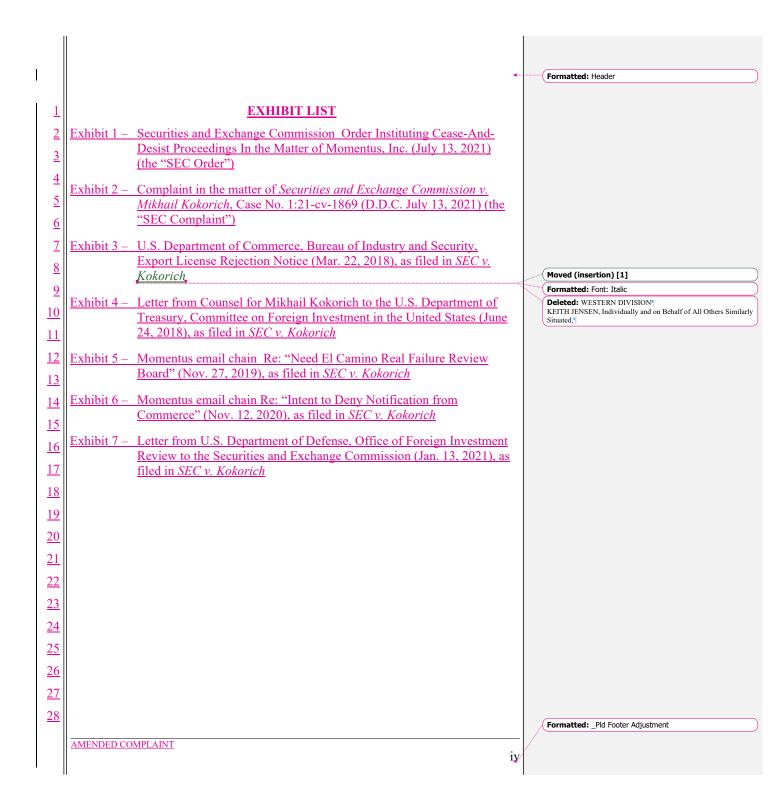
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Lead Plaintiff, Hartmut Haenisch ("Plaintiff,"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, alleges the following upon information and belief, except as to those allegations concerning Plaintiff, which are alleged upon his personal knowledge. Plaintiff's information and belief is based upon, among other things, his counsel's investigation, which includes without limitation, review and analysis of: (a) regulatory filings made by Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC") with the United States ("U.S.") Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"); (b) press releases and media reports issued by and disseminated by SRAC and by Momentus Inc. ("Momentus")¹; (c) an SEC cease and desist order relating to SRAC and Momentus; (d) documents filed in litigation initiated by the SEC relating to SRAC and Momentus; and (e) review of other publicly available information concerning SRAC and Momentus.

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION AND OVERVIEW

1. This is a federal securities class action brought on behalf of persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC securities between October 7, 2020 and July 13, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"), excluding Defendants, seeking to recover compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. During the Class Period SRAC's Class A common stock, public units,

¹ After the end of the Class Period alleged in this Amended Complaint, on or about August 12, 2021, pursuant to a business combination: (i) Stable Road Acquisition Corp. acquired Momentus Inc., (ii) Momentus Inc. merged into a subsidiary of SRAC named Project Marvel Second Merger Sub, LLC, and (iii) SRAC changed its name to Momentus Inc. As used in this Amended Complaint, the terms Momentus Inc. or Momentus refer to the corporation that existed by that name (and previously by the name Space Apprentices Enterprise Inc.) prior to the business combination, and the terms Stable Road Acquisition Corp. or SRAC refer to the corporation known by that name prior to the business combination and currently known as Momentus Inc.

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STABLE ROAD ACQUISITION CORP., MOMENTUS INC., SRC-NI HOLDINGS, LLC, BRIAN KABOT, JAMES NORRIS and MIKHAIL KOKORICH,¶

Defendants.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL Case No. 2:21-cv-05744 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

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Formatted: Header and public warrants were publicly traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbols "SRAC," "SRACU," and "SRACW," respectively. SRAC, Momentus, and their directors and officers, materially misled <u>3</u> investors regarding Momentus's business and future prospects in an attempt to gain 4 investor support for a proposed merger between SRAC, a special purpose acquisition company (or "SPAC") focused on the cannabis industry, and Momentus, <u>6</u> 7 a privately owned space industry startup with no revenue. SRAC had attempted to locate an appropriate cannabis/marijuana 8 9 related company to acquire as was its stated purpose but they were unable to locate one prior to the May 13, 2021 deadline upon which SRAC would need to repay 10 \$172.5 million to shareholders if no successful merger was consummated. In order <u>11</u> to prevent this return of money and to enrich the Defendants, who stood to make tens of millions of dollars from any merger, SRAC rushed to enter into the merger 13 with Momentus (even though Momentus was not in the cannabis industry). To <u>14</u> make sure that shareholders approved this last-minute deal, Defendants misleadingly touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects. <u> 16</u> <u>17</u> This was confirmed by the SEC itself when on July 13, 2021, the SEC publicly detailed Defendants' misconduct in: (i) a cease and desist order (the "SEC <u>18</u> <u>19</u> Order," attached hereto as Exhibit 1) against Defendants Momentus, SRAC, SRC-20 NI Holdings LLC (the "Sponsor" of SRAC) and Brian Kabot (SRAC's CEO); and (ii) a civil complaint (the "SEC Complaint," attached hereto as Exhibit 2) filed <u>21</u> against Defendant Kokorich.² According to the SEC Order and SEC Complaint, Defendants had misleadingly touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects while failing to disclose that (i) multiple federal agencies had determined that <u>24</u> 25 Formatted: @Normal <u> 26</u> ² While the SEC is actively litigating its case against Defendant Kokorich, he fled the country following his abrupt resignation in January 2021 amid increasing governmental scrutiny of national security concerns relating to him. <u>28</u> Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 2

Momentus's then-CEO Defendant Kokorich, who is a citizen of Russia with ties to the Russian government and who is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States, posed an unacceptable national security risk, (ii) Momentus had never successfully tested its technology in space as claimed, (iii) as a result, Momentus's financial projections of immediate, explosive revenue growth were highly misleading, and (iv) SRAC's superficial due diligence of Momentus failed to provide any reasonable basis for its public statements about the company. Moreover, the SEC Order and Complaint explained that Momentus, SRAC, and Kabot agreed to pay the SEC fines totaling over \$8 million, the Sponsor agreed to give up SRAC stock potentially worth millions of dollars, and Defendants agreed to allow certain investors to cancel agreements to purchase SRAC securities.

5. In a July 13, 2021 press release announcing the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint, SEC Chair Gary Gensler specifically confirmed that Defendants "misled the investing public" and that Stable Road had "fail[ed] to undertake adequate due diligence to protect shareholders." As Gensler explained:

This case illustrates risks inherent to SPAC transactions, as those who stand to earn significant profits from a SPAC merger may conduct inadequate due diligence and mislead investors . . . Stable Road, a SPAC, and its merger target, Momentus, both misled the investing public. The fact that Momentus lied to Stable Road does not absolve Stable Road of its failure to undertake adequate due diligence to protect shareholders. Today's actions will prevent the wrongdoers from benefitting at the expense of investors and help to better align the incentives of parties to a SPAC transaction with those of investors relying on truthful information to make investment decisions.

6. Although the SEC's actions prevented Defendants from causing further harm to investors, these actions came too late for the many investors who had purchased SRAC securities during the October 7, 2020 to July 13, 2021 Class Period. These investors paid excessive prices for SRAC securities, which prices were artificially inflated throughout the Class Period by Defendants' materially false and misleading statements.

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Formatted: Header III. PARTIES Formatted: All caps Formatted: Level 1, Space After: 12 pt, Line spacing: 13. Lead Plaintiff Hartmut Haenisch, as set forth in the previously filed Exactly 12 pt Deleted: 5 certification (Dkt No. 46-2), incorporated by reference herein, purchased SRAC Formatted: _2.0sp 0.5", Indent: Left: 0", First line: 0.5", Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.75" + Indent at: 1" securities during the Class Period, and suffered damages as a result of the federal Deleted: Keith Jensen securities law violations and false and/or misleading statements and/or material Deleted: accompanying Deleted: Stable Road omissions alleged herein. Deleted: has been damaged thereby 14. Defendant Stable Road Acquisition Corp. ("SRAC") was a special Deleted: 6. Deleted: is purpose acquisition company, during the Class Period. SRAC was incorporated in **Deleted:**, or "SPAC." The Company maintains Delaware. During the Class Period SRAC maintained its principal executive offices at 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291. During the Class Period, Deleted: in Deleted: Beach SRAC Class A common stock, warrants and units traded on the Nasdaq Capital Deleted: . Stable Road Deleted: trade Market under the symbols "SRAC," "SRACW" and "SRACU," respectively. 15. Defendant SRC-NI Holdings, LLC ("Sponsor") served as the sponsor Deleted: 7. of SRAC during the Class Period. The Sponsor was formed in Delaware as a limited liability company. During the Class Period, the Sponsor's principal place of business was 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, California 90291. 16. Defendant Brian Kabot served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Kabot was a manager of the Sponsor, shared voting and dispositive control over securities owned by the Sponsor, and was reported as beneficially owning securities owned by the Sponsor. During the Class Period Kabot's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice,

17. Defendant Juan Manuel Quiroga served as Chief Investment Officer

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Formatted: Header the Sponsor. During the Class Period Quiroga's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California 90291. <u>3</u> 18. Defendant James Norris served as Chief Financial Officer and a director of SRAC during the Class Period. During the Class Period Norris was 4 directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. During the Class Period Norris's business address was c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. <u>6</u> 7 Venice, California 90291. 19. Defendant James Hofmockel served as a director of SRAC during the 8 9 Class Period. During the Class Period Hofmockel was directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. During the Class Period Hofmockel's business address was 10 c/o Stable Road Acquisition Corp., 1345 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, California <u>11</u> 90291. 12 Deleted: was 13 20. Defendant Momentus, Inc. was a privately owned space industry Formatted: _2.0sp 0.5", Indent: Left: 0", First line: 0.5", startup that was an acquisition target of SRAC during the Class Period. Momentus <u>14</u> Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.75" + Indent at: 1" was incorporated in Delaware. During the Class Period Momentus's principal Deleted: Stable Road **Deleted:** It is a private commercial space company headquartered executive offices were located at 3050 Kenneth St., Santa Clara, California 95054. <u> 16</u> Deleted: 8. Defendant SRC-NI Holdings, LLC ("Sponsor") served <u>17</u> 21. Defendant Mikhail Kokorich served as Chief Executive Officer and a as the SPAC Sponsor of Stable Road during the Class Period. 9. Defendant Brian Kabot ("Kabot") served as Chief Executive <u>18</u> director of Momentus during the Class Period, until his resignation effective Officer ("CEO") and Chairman of Stable Road during the Class Period. 10. Defendant James Norris ("Norris") served as Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of Stable Road during the Class Period. <u>19</u> immediately on or about January 25, 2021. During the Class Period Kokorich was a major shareholder of Momentus until he sold his shares to Momentus on or about 20 Deleted: ("Kokorich") founded and Deleted: CEO June 8, 2021. During the Class Period Kokorich's business address, through at least <u>21</u> Deleted: in January 2021 the time of his resignation, was c/o Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa <u>23</u> Clara, CA 95054. <u>24</u> 22. Defendant Dawn Harms served as Chief Revenue Officer of Momentus Deleted: 12. Defendants Kabot, Norris and during the Class Period, until Kokorich's resignation effective immediately on or <u> 26</u> about January 25, 2021, at which time Harms became interim CEO and a director of <u>27</u> Momentus. During the Class Period Harms's business address was c/o Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 6

Formatted: Header 23. Defendant Fred Kennedy served as President of Momentus during the Class Period. During the Class Period Kennedy's business address was c/o <u>3</u> Momentus Inc., 3050 Kenneth Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054. <u>4</u> 24. Defendants Kabot, Quiroga, Norris, and Hofmockel are referred to <u>5</u> herein as the "SRAC Individual Defendants." <u>6</u> 25. Defendants Kokorich, Harms, and Kennedy are referred to herein as the 7 "Momentus Individual Defendants." 26. The SRAC Individual Defendants and the Momentus Individual 8 9 Defendants are referred to herein as the Individual Defendants. **BACKGROUND REGARDING SRAC AND MOMENTUS** 10 Special Purpose Acquisition Companies And Their Inherent <u>11</u> **Conflicts Of Interest** 12 27. Special purpose acquisition companies, or SPACs, are publicly traded 13 companies with no business activities, formed specifically to acquire an existing 14 operating company. SPACs typically raise capital for the acquisition through an 15 initial public offering ("IPO"), and that capital is held in trust for a specific period of <u> 16</u> time. 17 28. If a merger or acquisition is successfully made within the allocated time 18 frame, founders and managers of the SPAC can profit through their ownership of the 19 SPAC's securities (typically about 20% of the SPAC's stock, in addition to warrants 20 to purchase additional shares). However, if an acquisition is not completed within 21 that time frame, then the SPAC is dissolved and the money held in trust is returned to investors, with no compensation paid to the founders and managers of the SPAC, whose SPAC securities expire worthless. Accordingly, the founders and <u>24</u> management team of a SPAC are highly incentivized to complete an acquisition within their deadline, even if the benefits of that transaction for the public <u> 26</u> shareholders of the SPAC are dubious. <u>27</u> <u>28</u> Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 7

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Formatted: Header 29. The process of an acquisition target company merging with a publicly traded SPAC is in many respects similar to a traditional IPO, in that a previously private company becomes publicly traded. However, SPAC transactions and IPOs have certain key differences. In a traditional IPO banks underwrite the offering and perform substantial due diligence in order to evaluate the company going public, to formulate appropriate disclosures to prospective investors, and to accurately price its securities. However, in a SPAC transaction there are no underwriters, and so the amount of due diligence performed, and the disclosures surrounding this due diligence, are solely determined by the SPAC and its controlling persons, who have strong incentives to agree to, and gain shareholder approval for, an acquisition regardless of its true merits. 30. Typically, common stockholders of a SPAC are granted voting rights to approve or reject the business combination proposed by the management team. Thus, when the management team identifies a target, a merger proxy statement must be distributed to all SPAC stockholders, which includes the target company's financial statements and the terms of the proposed business combination. Public stockholders in SPACs rely on management of the SPAC and the target company to honestly provide accurate information about any contemplated transactions. 31. Amidst a recent boom in SPAC IPOs and acquisitions, SEC officials have noted widespread concerns including "risks from fees, conflicts, and sponsor compensation, . . . and the potential for retail participation drawn by baseless hype," and additional concerns regarding whether SPAC sponsors have "sufficient incentives to do appropriate due diligence on the target and its disclosures to public investors, especially since SPACs are designed not to include a conventional underwriter."3 Formatted: @Normal ³ John Coates, Acting Director, SEC Division of Corporation Finance, Apr. 8, 2021, SPACs, IPOs and Liability Risk under the Securities Laws, available at Formatted: @Normal Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment (footnote continued)

Formatted: Header 32. Similarly, SEC Chair Gary Gensler recently testified to Congress, "the surge of SPACs raises a number of policy questions. First and foremost, are SPAC investors being appropriately protected? Are retail investors getting the appropriate and accurate information they need . . . ?"4 4 <u>5</u> 33. Numerous other commentators have similarly noted the conflict of interest between SPAC management and shareholders with respect to the <u>6</u> completion of a business combination. For example, in a paper forthcoming in the Yale Journal on Regulation, law professors at Stanford and New York University 8 9 address "misaligned incentives inherent in the SPAC structure," including that "the sponsor has an incentive to enter into a losing deal for SPAC investors if its 10 alternative is to liquidate." Based on empirical research of post-merger returns to <u>11</u> SPAC shareholders, that paper goes on to conclude that "SPAC sponsors have 13 proposed losing propositions to their shareholders, which is one of the concerns raised by the incentives built into the SPAC structure. . . . [S]ponsors do quite well, <u>15</u> even where SPAC shareholders have experienced substantial losses." <u>16</u> 34. As noted by SEC Chair Gensler in his July 13, 2021 comments accompanying the announcement of the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint against Defendants, "[t]his case illustrates risks inherent to SPAC transactions, as those who <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> stand to earn significant profits from a SPAC merger may conduct inadequate due diligence and mislead investors." As set forth herein, SRAC and Momentus 20 <u>21</u> Deleted: https://www.sec.gov/news/public-statement/spacs-ipos-liability-risk-under-Formatted: @Normal securities-laws. <u>23</u> ⁴ Gary Gensler, May 26, 2021, Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, U.S. House Appropriations Committee, available at https://www.sec.gov/news/testimony/gensler-2021-05-26. Klausner, Michael D. and Ohlrogge, Michael and Ruan, Emily, A Sober Look at <u> 26</u> SPACs (Oct. 28, 2020) Yale Journal on Regulation, Forthcoming, Available at: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3720919. <u>28</u> Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 9

exemplify SPAC conflicts of interest because the Defendants were incentivized to, and did, aggressively promote a proposed business combination between SRAC and Momentus based on materially false and incomplete information that understated the risks to Momentus's business, overstated Momentus's future prospects, and resulted in a grossly excessive proposed valuation of Momentus, all of which artificially inflated the prices of SRAC securities during the Class Period.

B. Background Of SRAC: A SPAC Focused On The Cannabis Industry

35. During the Class Period, SRAC was a special-purpose acquisition company, which was incorporated on May 28, 2019 for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses. SRAC operated from an office in Venice, California.

36. SRAC filed its IPO prospectus (the "IPO Prospectus"), used to market its shares to investors, with the SEC on November 8, 2019. On or about November 13, 2019, SRAC completed its IPO, selling 17,250,000 units at \$10.00 per unit and generating gross proceeds of \$172.5 million. Simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO, the Sponsor, which was SRAC's sponsor and an affiliate of certain of SRAC's officers and directors, participated in a private placement of a total 545,000 private placement units for \$10.00 per unit, generating additional gross proceeds of \$5.45 million. The IPO and concurrent private placement resulted in net proceeds of \$172.5 million placed in SRAC's trust account. Following its IPO, SRAC's public units, Class A common stock and public warrants were publicly traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbols "SRACU," "SRAC" and "SRACW," respectively.

37. During the IPO and afterwards, the directors and officers of SRAC, who also controlled the Sponsor, held themselves out to investors as highly experienced businesspeople, with successful track records in acquiring and growing

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Formatted: Header businesses. In particular, the directors and officers of SRAC held themselves out to investors as highly experienced in the cannabis industry, which they repeatedly stated would be SRAC's focus for completing an acquisition. 38. From SRAC's IPO and throughout the Class Period, SRAC had only three officers: Defendants Kabot, Norris, and Chief Investment Officer Quiroga. Apart from these three officers, SRAC had no employees. 39. At the time of its IPO SRAC had five directors: Defendant Kabot (Chairman), Defendant Norris, Defendant Hofmockel, March Lehmann, and Kellen 8 O'Keefe. On December 23, 2019 Ann Kono joined SRAC's board. SRAC's board consisted of these six members throughout the Class Period, apart from the resignation of O'Keefe effective immediately on March 24, 2021. 40. SRAC was led by Defendant Kabot, who served as SRAC's CEO and Chairman since its inception. In the IPO Prospectus, SRAC repeatedly touted Kabot's investment experience, and in particular his investment experience in the cannabis industry. For example, SRAC stated "Mr. Kabot is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience in the cannabis <u> 16</u> industry." 41. SRAC similarly touted the cannabis industry experience of directors O'Keefe and Lehmann, stating in the IPO Prospectus that "Mr. Lehmann is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience in the cannabis industry," and describing Lehmann's roles as an officer in two cannabis industry companies. 42. SRAC also touted the investment experience of Defendants CFO Norris, Chief Investment Officer Quiroga, and director Hofmockel. SRAC stated in the IPO Prospectus that "Mr. Norris is well qualified to serve as a director due to <u> 26</u> his extensive investment management experience," and similarly stated that "Mr. Hofmockel is well qualified to serve as a director due to his extensive investing and advisory experience." SRAC touted Defendant Quiroga's "over 20 years of Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment

Formatted: Header experience in the financial sector." After Kono joined the board, SRAC told investors that "Ms. Kono is well qualified to serve as a director due to her extensive <u>3</u> advisory experience." <u>4</u> 43. The IPO Prospectus did not disclose, for any of its directors or officers, <u>5</u> any experience with satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters. SRAC's directors and officers had no <u>6</u> 7 meaningful experience in these subjects. 44. In its IPO Prospectus, SRAC repeatedly emphasized that its business 8 9 strategy and source of competitive advantage would be a focus on the cannabis industry. For example SRAC stated, "[o]ur strategy is to pursue one or more 10 business combinations with companies servicing and operating adjacent or ancillary <u>11</u> to, the cannabis sector but which are not directly involved in the production, distribution and sale of cannabis (i.e. businesses that 'touch the plant')." SRAC 13 likewise stated, "[w]hile we may pursue an initial business combination target in <u>14</u> 15 any business or industry, we intend to focus our search on companies in the cannabis industry." <u> 16</u> <u>17</u> 45. SRAC assured investors that it believed its management team "is well positioned to identify and evaluate businesses within the cannabis sector that would <u>18</u> benefit from their skills and access to the public markets," and that its management <u> 19</u> team offers "a deep network of contacts, in the cannabis sector." SRAC further 20 stated that "Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga have, in the aggregate, executed over 20 <u>21</u> transactions within or ancillary to the cannabis sector and have been responsible for investing over \$150 million within or ancillary to the cannabis sector since July <u>2017."</u> <u>24</u> 25 46. The IPO Prospectus mentions "cannabis" 281 times, but contains no <u> 26</u> references to satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters.

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47. SRAC's intense focus on the cannabis industry continued beyond its IPO. For example, in its SEC Form 10-K annual report filed March 26, 2020, SRAC repeated many of its IPO Prospectus statements regarding the cannabis experience of its management and its focus on the cannabis industry. For example, SRAC stated, "[o]ur strategy is to pursue one or more business combinations with companies servicing and operating adjacent or ancillary to, the cannabis sector but which are not directly involved in the production, distribution and sale of cannabis (i.e. businesses that 'touch the plant')." SRAC's SEC Form 10-Q quarterly report field August 11, 2020 likewise repeated that "[a]lthough the Company is not limited to a particular industry or sector for purposes of consummating a Business Combination, the Company is focusing its search on companies in the cannabis industry."

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48. SRAC's other SEC filings subsequent to the IPO and prior to its October 7, 2020 announcement of the Momentus merger agreement similarly contain numerous references to cannabis, but no references to satellites, the space industry, engineering, national security regulations, or any related matters.

SRAC's Management Faced Pressure To Complete A Qualifying **Business Combination By The May 13, 2021 Deadline**

49. Due to the SRAC Individual Defendants' ownership interests in SRAC and the terms and financial structure of SRAC as a SPAC, the SRAC Individual Defendants possessed strong financial incentives to complete a qualifying transaction by the May 13, 2021 deadline. As that deadline grew nearer, the SRAC Individual Defendants faced increasing pressure to complete a transaction irrespective of the merits of that transaction for SRAC's public shareholders.

50. SRAC was subject to certain restrictions in its amended and restated certificate of incorporation regarding its pursuit of an acquisition. First, SRAC only had 18 months to complete a business combination from the closing date of the IPO. If SRAC did not complete a business combination in time (i.e., by May 13, 2021) or

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obtain postponement of this deadline, its corporate existence would cease, except for purposes of winding up its affairs and liquidating. SRAC was required to hold the approximately \$172.5 million of net proceeds from its IPO in a trust account, and these funds were to be released only upon the consummation of a qualifying business combination, or in the case of liquidation to return the funds to SRAC's investors.

51. Second, if SRAC's stockholders approved an amendment to the amended and restated certificate of incorporation that would affect the substance or timing of SRAC's obligation to redeem 100% of the public shares if SRAC did not complete a business combination on time, SRAC was required to provide the holders of its public shares with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their public shares upon approval of any such amendment. Attempting to obtain such a postponement of its deadline for a business combination thus presented serious risks that (i) shareholders would not approve the postponement and so SRAC would be forced to liquidate if it failed to complete a transaction on time, or (ii) if a postponement was approved, shareholders may decide to redeem SRAC shares in amounts that would significantly deplete SRAC's \$172.5 million trust account and jeopardize its ability to complete a transaction even with an extended deadline.

52. The directors and officers of SRAC acquired a significant financial interest in SRAC prior to the IPO, through their interests in and control over SRAC's Sponsor. Each of SRAC's officers and directors was, directly or indirectly, a member of the Sponsor. The Sponsor's board of managers was comprised of Edward K. Freedman, Defendant Kabot and Defendant Quiroga. SRAC reported each of Freedman, Kabot, and Quiroga as beneficially owning the securities owned by the Sponsor, and reported that these individuals shared voting and dispositive control over such securities.

53. In June 2019 the directors and officers of SRAC caused SRAC to issue the Sponsor 4,312,500 "founder shares" of SRAC Class B common stock for an

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waive their rights to liquidating distributions with respect to their founder shares and

private placement shares if SRAC did not complete a business combination by its deadline. SRAC's warrants were to expire worthless if SRAC failed to complete its initial business combination by the May 13, 2021 deadline. Thus, if SRAC did not meet its deadline, the initial shares and the warrants owned by the Sponsor, its affiliates, and each of SRAC's officers and directors would be rendered worthless.

58. As the May 13, 2021 deadline drew closer, the financial pressure on the SRAC Individual Defendants to complete a qualifying business combination increased. Identifying a merger target, completing negotiations, finalizing merger documentation, and obtaining required shareholder approvals, is an extremely time consuming process that requires at least several months to complete. For example, discussions between SRAC and Momentus began in June 2020, but the Business Combination was not completed until August 2021. While this process was delayed by the SEC's investigation of SRAC and the need to renegotiate the terms of the proposed merger, even transactions that do not face these obstacles take several months to complete.

59. From SRAC's November 13, 2019 IPO through at least June 2020, SRAC identified and met with various potential target businesses, many of them in the cannabis industry, to discuss a possible business combination, yet none of these discussions resulted in the management of SRAC and a target companying entering into a merger agreement (other than the negotiations with Momentus). For example, SRAC's management team evaluated over 50 potential business combination targets, and entered into non-disclosure agreements with approximately 26 potential business combination targets (other than Momentus), none of which resulted in a deal.

60. By the time Defendant Kabot of SRAC was first introduced to Defendant Kokorich of Momentus on June 26, 2020, SRAC was running out of suitable target companies and running out of time in which to complete an acquisition by its May 2021 deadline.

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by Defendants, including ongoing national security and SEC investigations into Defendants, derailed Defendants' initial plans to complete the merger of SRAC and Momentus by early 2021. Beginning on or about March 25, 2021 Defendants undertook extensive efforts to obtain shareholder approval to extend their May 13, 2021 deal deadline by three months to August 13, 2021, and planned a May 6 vote on the extension proposal. Defendants failed to secure sufficient votes in favor of the extension by May 6, and so postponed the vote to May 13, which was still the last day for SRAC to complete a deal or liquidate. The proposal narrowly met its 65% approval requirement on May 13 with 66% of outstanding shares voting in favor. Even with the extended August 13, 2021 deadline Defendants faced extreme time pressure and financial incentives to complete a deal, and SRAC had no viable options to complete a deal apart from Momentus. After the end of the Class Period, on or about August 12, 2021 Momentus and SRAC completed their merger.

D. Background Of Momentus: A Space Industry Startup With No Revenue

62. Momentus was founded in 2017 in Santa Clara, California, by cofounders Defendant Kokorich and Lev Khasis. Kokorich served as Momentus's CEO from November 2017 until his abrupt resignation on January 25, 2021. At the time of the October 7, 2020 merger agreement announcement by SRAC and Momentus, and throughout most of the Class Period, among Momentus's largest beneficial owners were Defendant Kokorich and Olga Khasis, the spouse of cofounder Lev Khasis. At the time of the October 7, 2020 merger agreement announcement, key members of the Momentus management team included Defendant Kokorich, Defendant Harms, then serving as Momentus's Chief Revenue Officer, and Defendant Kennedy, Momentus's President.

63. The joint press release from Momentus and SRAC announcing their merger agreement on October 7, 2020, described Momentus as "a commercial space

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Formatted: Header company offering in-space transportation and infrastructure services." SRAC and Momentus claimed that "Momentus is developing capabilities to provide critical infrastructure services: in-space transportation, satellite as a service, and in-orbit services." They further claimed that "Momentus' customers include satellite <u>4</u> operators, satellite manufacturers, launch providers, defense primes such as Lockheed Martin and government agencies such as NASA." <u>6</u> 7 64. At no time have Momentus's operations had any connection to the 8 cannabis industry. 9 65. As SRAC and Momentus admitted in later SEC filings, as of October 10 2020 Momentus had never completed a commercial launch of customer cargo, and as a result had not recognized any revenue in its entire history from 2017 through <u>11</u> the October 2020 merger announcement. 13 Momentus's Need For Cash Gave Its Management An Incentive To Conceal Problems That Might Prevent A Merger With SRAC <u>14</u> Since its founding in 2017, Momentus had been regularly incurring <u>15</u> substantial losses. Momentus recorded worsening net losses of \$6.2 million for 16 2018, \$15.8 million for 2019, and \$15.4 million for just the six months ended June 17 30, 2020. <u>18</u> 67. Due to its lack of any revenue and history of increasingly large losses, <u> 19</u> Momentus was entirely dependent for its continued existence on raising funds from 20 investors. At the time of the October 2020 merger announcement, Momentus had 21 already raised, and spent, tens of millions of dollars of investor capital. 68. In May 2020 Momentus received a \$970,000 loan under the federal <u>23</u> government's Paycheck Protection Program, which required it to certify that <u>24</u> '[c]urrent economic uncertainty makes this loan request necessary to support the ongoing operations of the Applicant." <u> 26</u> 69. As of June 30, 2020 Momentus's total liabilities were greater than its <u>27</u> total assets. As of June 30, 2020 Momentus had \$10.7 million in cash on hand, 28 Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 18

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which would not even be enough to continue its operations through the end of the year based on the rate of its losses in the first half of 2020.

- 70. Accordingly, the Momentus Individual Defendants had a strong incentive to conceal any problems that might prevent Momentus from completing a merger with SRAC and gaining access to its badly needed cash.
- 71. As later revealed in the SEC Complaint, by late 2019 Momentus was in constant fundraising mode. Beginning in early 2020, Defendant Kokorich had discussions with an investment bank in an effort to secure additional funding, and in mid-2020 Momentus formally engaged the bank and sought its assistance to find a suitable SPAC candidate for a merger. In addition to his discussions with SRAC, Kokorich had discussions with two other SPACs, both of which chose not to move forward with a merger with Momentus because Momentus was still at a relatively early stage and immature as a company.

V. UNDISCLOSED ADVERSE FACTS KNOWN TO DEFENDANTS DURING THE CLASS PERIOD

- A. The U.S. Government Determined That Momentus's Russian CEO
 Was A National Security Risk
- 72. Throughout the Class Period, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that the U.S. government had determined that Momentus's CEO, co-founder and major shareholder Defendant Kokorich presented a national security risk, which posed serious problems for Momentus and created a heightened risk that Momentus would not be granted regulatory approvals necessary for its operations.
- 73. Kokorich is a citizen of Russia. At no time has he been a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States. Kokorich has ties with persons and entities closely affiliated with the Russian government.
- 74. Kokorich co-founded Momentus with Lev Khasis, who from 2013 through present has been First Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board of

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Formatted: Header Sberbank, which is the largest bank in Russia and which is owned by the Russian state. Sberbank is subject to U.S. sanctions imposed by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control in 2018 because Sberbank supported Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. Sberbank has been led from 2007 4 through present by its CEO and Chairman Herman Gref, who is reported to be close to Russia's autocratic leader Vladimir Putin. In a 2018 report to Congress, the <u>6</u> 7 Treasury Department named Gref on a list of "senior foreign political figures and oligarchs in the Russian Federation, as determined by their closeness to the Russian 8 9 regime and their net worth." 75. Prior to his founding of Momentus, from 2012 on Defendant Kokorich 10 founded and led a company called Dauria Aerospace, which had offices near <u>11</u> Moscow, Russia and in Mountain View, California. Dauria Aerospace obtained 13 contracts from the Russian state via the state-owned company Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities. Dauria Aerospace partnered with the Skolkovo <u>14</u> 15 Foundation, which purports to be a non-profit backed by the Russian state to support a scientific and technological center for the development and commercialization of <u> 16</u> advanced technologies. According to a warning published by the FBI's Boston office in 2014, the Skolkovo Foundation "may be a means for the Russian <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> government to access our nation's sensitive or classified research, development facilities and dual-use technologies with military and commercial applications." <u>20</u> 76. The parties to the SEC's ongoing litigation against Defendant Kokorich <u>21</u> have filed various documents as exhibits in that litigation, which directly confirm <u>23</u> Momentus's and Kokorich's knowledge of the U.S. government's national security concerns relating to Kokorich during the Class Period. <u>24</u> 25 77. On March 22, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of <u> 26</u> Industry and Security ("BIS") sent an Export License Rejection Notice to Momentus (which was at that time operating under the name Space Apprentices Enterprise). See Exhibit 3. The Rejection Notice denied Momentus's application to provide to Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment

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Defendant Kokorich "[t]echnology required for the use of electrothermal propulsion devices and thrusters," *i.e.*, the propulsion technology that formed the core of all of Momentus's planned services, and which Momentus advertised as its main competitive advantage. The Rejection Notice stated that the Department of Commerce had concluded that Kokorich "is not an acceptable recipient at this time of U.S.-origin items controlled for national security reasons." *See* Exhibit 3.

78. On June 24, 2018, an attorney for Defendant Kokorich wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Treasury, Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS") regarding Kokorich's ownership of stock in another space industry company, Astro Digital U.S., Inc. ("Astro Digital"). See Exhibit 4. The letter was written to follow up on the attorney's recent phone conference with CFIUS personnel in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Defense regarding the same subject matter. Kokorich's attorney stated in the letter that "[d]uring the teleconference, CFIUS informed us that it is preparing to order the Kokoriches to divest their ownership interest in Astro Digital. According to your colleagues, CFIUS has concluded that the Kokoriches present a threat to the national security of the United States." The letter further stated that Kokorich was "well versed in U.S. export control and sanctions laws and regulations." See Exhibit 4. According to the letter, CFIUS' investigation relating to national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich had "now spanned almost two years," and prevented Astro Digital from being able to obtain new investment or funding. Defendant Kokorich's counsel listed Kokorich and his spouse as receiving copies of the letter.

79. On November 12, 2020, Momentus received a notification from the Office of National Security and Technology Transfer Controls within the BIS, informing Momentus that the U.S. Department of Commerce intended to deny Momentus' application for the deemed export of its "Vigoride" software and technology to Defendant Kokorich. See Exhibit 6. The notification stated that the Department of Commerce believed the denial "furthers the United States policy... to

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restrict the export of goods and technology which would make a significant contribution to the military potential of any other country or combination of countries which would prove detrimental to the national security of the United States." The notification further stated that the Department of Commerce made its determination in consultation with the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Energy. *See* Exhibit 6.

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80. The U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Foreign Investment Review sent a letter dated January 13, 2021 to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the proposed merger between SRAC and Momentus. See Exhibit 7. According to admissions later made in SRAC's SEC filings, "On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense. . . . stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination."

81. The January 13, 2021 letter stated that the Department of Defense "has concluded that Momentus presently poses a risk to national security and accordingly has requested appropriate governmental agencies conduct national security reviews," and that the Office of Foreign Investment Review would "continue to recommend that DoD places an indefinite hold on all Momentus' relationships with DoD." The letter stated that Kokorich's previous Dauria Aerospace company partnered with the Skolkovo Foundation, which the FBI assessed "may be a means for the Russian government to access our nation's sensitive or classified research." See Exhibit 7. The letter also noted national security concerns relating to Momentus' "complex and opaque foreign ownership structure [that] may not accurately reflect the ultimate beneficial owner of Momentus nor the true identity of financiers of Momentus." In particular, the letter noted that reported major Momentus

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Shareholder Olga Khasis was the wife of Lev Khasis, who was the "First Deputy Chairman of Russia's state-owned bank, Sberbank," and that Sberbank is on the Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control's "Sanctions List."

82. The Department of Defense's January 13, 2021 letter went on to state that the Department of Defense believed SRAC's November 2, 2020 S-4 filed with the SEC to be misleading regarding these and related national security issues, and that the "DoD is currently reviewing a 2019 federal investigation to determine if Mikhail Kokorich violated export control laws while serving as both an investor and executive in several satellite companies." *See* Exhibit 7. The letter concludes by stating that the Defense Department "concluded that Momentus' current proposal poses a risk to investors," and by requesting that the SEC "delay the IPO of Momentus in order to provide DoD and other government agencies the appropriate time to conduct further due diligence."

83. This Department of Defense letter appears to have prompted the SEC's investigation of Momentus, SRAC and the proposed merger. As SRAC admitted in later SEC filings, "[o]n January 24, 2021, [Momentus] received a subpoena from the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission . . . requesting documents regarding the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Amendment No. 1 thereto 1 . . . filed by SRAC in connection with the Business Combination." SRAC further admitted in other filings that "[i]n January 2021, the SEC's Division of Enforcement informed SRAC and Momentus that it was investigating certain disclosures made in filings with the SEC, including in connection with the Business Combination."

84. In addition to the foregoing documents filed in the SEC's ongoing litigation against Defendant Kokorich, the SEC revealed additional details regarding Kokorich's national security risks and related problems in the SEC Complaint and the SEC Order. According to the SEC Order's findings and the SEC Complaint's allegations, in June 2018 U.S. Customs and Immigration Services ("USCIS")

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revoked Defendant Kokorich's work visa and denied his application for permanent resident status. In September 2018 Kokorich applied for asylum, claiming to be a prominent critic of the Russian government. On or about August 28, 2019, USCIS informed Kokorich that it had not granted his asylum application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings. USCIS based its determination on "inconsistencies" in Kokorich's application and testimony "with regard to [his] political affiliations and activities in Russia." On or about the same date, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the BIS's Office of Export Enforcement arrived unannounced at Momentus's headquarters, questioned multiple employees, and detained Kokorich and transported him to an immigration detention center after which he was released on bond. Kokorich was in the process of adjudicating the removal proceedings when he left the U.S. in January 2021.

85. The SEC Order and SEC Complaint also provide additional factual findings and allegations regarding the November 12, 2020 notification from the BIS informing Momentus that the it intended to deny Momentus' application for the deemed export of its "Vigoride" software and technology to Defendant Kokorich. See Exhibit 6. Momentus had filed this application in February 2020, and on April 15, 2020 Momentus learned that the application was placed on "hold without action" by the BIS reviewer. On October 7, 2020 a BIS representative emailed Momentus stating that the Departments of Defense and State would recommend denying the application, and two days later the same BIS representative further disclosed that the Department of Energy would also recommend denial. On October 23, 2020 the BIS representative emailed again to disclose that BIS's Operating Committee had determined to deny the license.

86. Throughout the Class Period Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants failed to disclose to investors the foregoing highly material known facts, that multiple U.S. government agencies had repeatedly concluded that Defendant

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Kokorich was an unacceptable national security risk, which posed serious problems for Momentus's ability to carry out its planned operations in the space industry, which is very regulated and highly sensitive from a national security standpoint.

B. Momentus's Only Test Of Its Technology In Space Was A Failure

87. Throughout the Class Period, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that Momentus had only conducted one test of its technology in space, that this test was not completed due to an equipment failure, and that even if this test had been successfully completed it would not have demonstrated the commercial viability of Momentus's technology. As such, Momentus was highly unlikely to be able to develop and commercialize its technology on the aggressive timeline touted by Defendants in support of the merger.

88. The critical piece of technology that Momentus touted as a breakthrough and its key source of competitive advantage was the water plasma propulsion system that was to be the source of power to provide Momentus's advertised services of transporting satellites in space. This water plasma thruster was of primary importance to all of Momentus's plans and had to work in space in order for Momentus to generate any revenue.

89. Toward the end of the Class Period and afterward, under pressure from the SEC to correct their prior misstatements, Defendants admitted the severe shortcomings of the one and only in space test that Momentus ever attempted of this technology:

Our first-generation X-band thruster, which operates at 30 Watts, was flown aboard a demonstration mission called El Camino Real in mid-2019. During this mission, Momentus launched its first MET [microwave electrothermal thruster] into space as a hosted payload on a nanosatellite. The mission's objective was to demonstrate the MET's ability to produce water plasma in space by performing 100 one-minute firings . . . Failure of the host satellite in November 2019

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prematurely terminated the demonstration after only 23 of the planned 100 firings of the thruster had been performed . . .

- 90. Momentus later confirmed the failure of this mission in a post-Class Period press release, stating "The MET water plasma-based thruster was launched in July 2019 in a mission known as El Camino Real. The mission did not meet its prelaunch success criteria."
- 91. Momentus and its personnel including Defendants Kokorich and Harms were immediately aware of the premature end of the test due to the equipment failure. This failure was discussed in a November 26-27, 2019 email chain among six Momentus employees including Defendants Harms and Kokorich, as well as Momentus's Chief Engineer, with the subject line "Need El Camino Real Failure Review Board." See Exhibit 5. In that email chain, Momentus's Chief Technology Officer wrote, "[e]ven if we recover the spacecraft, at this point it is my judgement that we need to convene a failure review board." See Exhibit 5.
- 92. Defendants' end of Class Period admissions detailed further shortcomings of this one and only in space test, stating that of the 23 firings completed before the mission's failure, there were "12 hot firings with microwave power turned on and 11 cold firings with the microwave turned off," and that "a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasma-generation."
- 93. Even for the three hot firings that had water present, Defendants admitted that "pressure and temperature data did not provide sufficient information to either confirm or contradict plasma presence." However Defendants went on to state "Momentus believes that the reflected power data collected during the three hot firings with water present to be sufficient to conclude that plasma was produced."
- 94. Defendants went on to admit "issue[s]" and "weaknesses" revealed by this test, stating "[t]he aforementioned pump issue and other observed weaknesses

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from El Camino Real have informed our propulsion system design, pressure sensor selection and overall vehicle design process."

95. Furthermore, Defendants admitted that the technology they planned to commercially deploy was not the small, commercially useless test model thruster involved in the 2019 in space test, but a redesigned version that was supposed to generate many times more thrust, that would be needed for any commercial operations. While the 2019 test model was supposed to operate at 30 Watts, Defendants admitted that their planned commercial use thrusters were supposed to operate at powers of 550 Watts, 750 Watts, or more. Defendants further admitted that "the technology underlying Momentus's anticipated service offerings (including its water plasma propulsion technology) is still in the process of being developed and has not been fully tested or validated in space."

96. In addition to the foregoing admissions by the Defendants, the SEC revealed additional details regarding Momentus's failure to successfully test its technology in space in the SEC Complaint and the SEC Order. According to the SEC Order's findings and the SEC Complaint's allegations, a former Momentus officer stated that the thruster tested in the El Camino Real mission did not have "commercial potential" because it was "too small, too inefficient, too low in [specific impulse], too low in total impulse." A former Momentus officer stated that the mission yielded "no data to suggest that that thruster would deliver an impulse of any commercial significance." A Momentus engineer admitted that the mission did not yield sufficient data to demonstrate the propulsion system's reliability or longevity. The SEC also revealed that while the satellite used in the El Camino Real test is still in space, it is not functional.

97. The SEC Complaint and the SEC Order also confirm Defendant Kokorich's knowledge of these facts. Kokorich admitted he understood even before the launch that the mission was not designed to show that the thruster could provide a measurable change in velocity from thrust, to measure specific impulse, or to show

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the thruster's reliability. In a February 2020 internal Momentus document sent to Defendant Kokorich, a Momentus engineer acknowledged that Momentus did not obtain "any useful mission results" from the launch.

98. Throughout the Class Period Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants failed to disclose to investors the foregoing highly material known facts, that Momentus's only test of its technology in space was not completed due to an equipment failure, and that even if this test had been successfully completed it would not have demonstrated the commercial viability of Momentus's technology.

C. Momentus's Wildly Excessive Revenue Projections Ignored Its National Security Risks And Unproven Technology

99. During the Class Period Defendants repeatedly emphasized to public investors their aggressive revenue projections for Momentus. For example, Defendants' projections issued as part of the October 7, 2020 deal announcement forecast \$2 million in 2020 revenue, \$19 million in 2021, and \$152 million in 2022, growing to over \$4 billion by 2027.

100. Because Momentus would only recognize revenue upon successfully providing its planned services in space, these forecasts were premised on the key assumptions that Momentus's technology would work as hoped in space, and that Momentus would be granted all of the many required regulatory approvals to conduct its operations and place its products on rocket launches. As such, Defendants' near-term revenue forecasts likewise depended on the critical assumption that Momentus would be allowed to participate in one rocket launch in 2020, and three more in 2021.

101. But, as detailed above in Section V.A, Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew that the federal government had serious national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich which posed a high risk that Momentus would not receive regulatory approvals necessary to conduct its operations. And, as detailed above in Section V.B, Momentus and the Momentus

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Individual Defendants knew that it had never successfully demonstrated the commercial viability of its technology in space which posed a high risk that its technology would not perform as hoped on its first ever commercial missions.

102. Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants knew of these serious risks to its planned operations and launch schedule, and likewise knew that their revenue projections ignored those risks and simply assumed that the federal government would grant Momentus all required regulatory approvals and that Momentus's technology would work in space as hoped. Defendants therefore knew that the best-case scenario assumptions they used in preparing Momentus's published financial projections were very likely to fail, and that the aggressive revenue projections based on those assumptions were highly unlikely to be achieved.

103. Taken together, the foregoing facts seriously undermined the accuracy of Defendants' revenue forecasts, and the failure to disclose these facts rendered the issuance of the forecasts and Defendants' related statements materially misleading. Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants' knew their projections were based on unreasonable assumptions and therefore lacked any reasonable basis in fact.

D. SRAC Failed To Conduct Adequate Due Diligence

104. Throughout the Class Period, SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants knew, but failed to disclose, that they had conducted inadequate due diligence of Momentus that failed to follow up on known red flags regarding Defendant Kokorich's national security issues, and that failed to investigate the results of Momentus's only test of its technology in space.

105. SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants therefore knew that they lacked sufficient information to assess the truth or falsity of their own statements regarding regulatory risks facing Momentus, or the purported success of Momentus's one and only in space test of its technology. These Defendants

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VI. DEFENDANTS MISLED INVESTORS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE MERGER

A. Defendants Announce The Merger Agreement And Misleadingly Hype Momentus's Prospects

114. On October 7, 2020, with time running out to complete a business combination before SRAC's May 13, 2021 deadline, SRAC and Momentus announced that they had entered into a merger agreement, pursuant to which the two companies would merge, SRAC stockholders would gain a proportionate interest in Momentus, Momentus would gain access to the \$172.5 million in SRAC's trust account (plus additional funds from a concurrent private placement), and Momentus would become a publicly traded company. The Defendants stated that completion of the proposed transaction was subject to approval by Momentus and SRAC shareholders, and was expected to be completed in early 2021.

115. On October 7, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a Form 8-K that contained further information about the proposed merger transaction. Among other things, the Form 8-K included as attachments a copy of the joint press release from SRAC and Momentus, a copy of the merger agreement, and an investor presentation about Momentus and the proposed merger. On the same day, Defendants conducted a public conference call to discuss the proposed merger and to provide further information to investors, and Defendant Kabot gave a televised interview on CNBC. Through these various channels, Defendants aggressively touted the proposed merger and Momentus's prospects.

116. Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements were materially false and/or misleading, and failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Momentus's business, operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose to investors that: (a) the federal government had determined Momentus's CEO, Defendant Kokorich, to be a threat to national security, (b) Momentus had never successfully tested its technology in space, (c) as a result, Defendants' projections of

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Formatted: Header Momentus's future revenue were wildly overstated, and (d) SRAC's due diligence of Momentus was superficial, ignored red flags that demanded further investigation, <u>3</u> and did not provide a reasonable basis for SRAC's statements about Momentus. <u>4</u> 117. For example, nowhere in Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements did <u>5</u> they mention that the federal government had raised national security concerns regarding Momentus's co-founder, major shareholder and CEO Defendant <u>6</u> Kokorich, which had caused the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security to deny Momentus an export license, and which had caused the U.S. Treasury Department Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to order Kokorich to divest his ownership interests in another space industry company 10 he had led. <u>11</u> 12 118. In the press release announcing the Merger Agreement, SRAC and Momentus stated that, "[i]n 2019, the Company successfully tested its water plasma 13 propulsion technology in space." However, the mission referred to failed before <u>14</u> achieving its objectives, and did not even attempt to demonstrate the commercial viability of Momentus's technology. <u> 16</u> <u>17</u> 119. Defendants ignored the substantial risks to Momentus's business posed by these national security concerns and the unproven status of its technology, and <u>18</u> baselessly forecast revenues of \$2 million in 2020, \$19 million in 2021, increasing <u> 19</u> to over \$1 billion by 2024, and over \$4 billion by 2027, despite never having earned any revenue in the company's history to date. <u>21</u> <u>22</u> 120. And when Defendant Kabot went on television, in response to a <u>23</u> question regarding the current "blank check bonanza," and "whether you think there's just too many" SPACs, he stated: <u>24</u> 25 what I think is great for the investor is we did four months of due diligence. We spent a lot of money with some of the top service <u> 26</u> providers out there from Stellar Solutions to Kirkland and Ellis, from <u>27</u> Orrick to Evercore to cantor completing our underwriting, right, we

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never have the opportunity to do, so I think SPACs are very healthy for the market.

Defendant Kabot made these statements despite knowing that SRAC had failed to undertake basic due diligence such as confirming whether Momentus's technology was actually successfully tested in space, or following up on red flags known to SRAC about national security issues relating to Defendant Kokorich.

121. In sum, from their very first public statements regarding the proposed merger on October 7, 2020, Defendants materially misled investors as part of their efforts to aggressively promote the deal and ensure its prompt closing.

B. Defendants Aggressively And Misleadingly Promoted The Proposed Merger Following Its Announcement

122. From Defendants' first public announcement of the proposed Merger on October 7, 2020 up to the SEC's July 13, 2021 announcement of the SEC Order and the filing of the SEC Complaint, Defendants aggressively and misleadingly promoted the proposed Merger and Momentus's business prospects in numerous public statements, in an apparent effort to build investor support for the Merger.

123. Throughout the Class Period Defendants falsely ignored and downplayed the U.S. government's national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich. Defendants falsely told investors that Momentus had successfully tested its technology in space. Defendants ignored national security and technological risks to baselessly claim that Momentus could achieve explosive revenue growth, beginning in only a matter of months. And Defendants falsely boasted of SRAC's purportedly "extensive" due diligence of Momentus.

124. SRAC filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 on November 2, 2020, which, similar to Defendants' October 7, 2020 statements, contained false and misleading statements and omissions regarding Momentus, SRAC's due diligence, and the proposed merger.

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125. While SRAC's November 2, 2020 Registration Statement (and later amendments) recited certain potential risks that could arise in connection with the merger with Momentus, it provided no reasons to suspect that SRAC had failed to reasonably investigate such risks, or any indication that any of these potential risks had already substantially materialized. In short, SRAC's shareholders had no reason to doubt the Defendants' characterization of Momentus as a valuable business with a clear path to rapid and substantial revenue growth and profitability.

126. SRAC subsequently amended the Registration Statement four times during the Class Period on: December 14, 2020; March 8, 2021; June 29, 2021; and July 12, 2021. While certain of these amendments provided additional information regarding Momentus's national security problems, Momentus's failure to successfully test its technology in space, Momentus's financial projections, or SRAC's due diligence, each amended Registration Statement still omitted material information and failed to disclose sufficient information to fully reveal the truth to investors.

127. SRAC also filed with the SEC updated versions of the investor presentation relating to Momentus that had been initially filed on October 7, 2020.

127. SRAC also filed with the SEC updated versions of the investor presentation relating to Momentus that had been initially filed on October 7, 2020. SRAC filed such updated investor presentations, each of which remained materially misleading for the above stated reasons, on October 13, 2020; November 17, 2020; December 14, 2020; April 7, 2021; and May 5, 2021.

128. Momentus issued a dozen promotional press releases during the Class Period, which touted Momentus's business and/or promoted the proposed Merger, for example by announcing customer "contracts" to deliver satellites to lunar orbits which Momentus had never attempted and lacked the technology to achieve.

129. Defendants gave interviews to public media outlets to misleadingly promote the proposed merger throughout the Class Period. For example, on January 4, 2021, simultaneously with Defendants' announcement that Momentus's launch schedule would be delayed in order to obtain regulatory approvals, Defendant

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Kennedy gave an interview to IPO Edge in which he misleadingly reaffirmed Momentus's revenue projections and downplayed national security concerns relating to Defendant Kokorich. And on May 4, 2021 Defendants Kabot and Harms, along with Momentus Chief Technology Officer Rob Schwartz, gave another interview to IPO Edge, in which they continued to misleadingly tout Momentus's prospects and technology.

Momentus were apparently made as part of a public relations strategy to build investor support for the proposed Merger. As with Defendants' initial October 7, 2020 statements, Defendants' other Class Period statements misleadingly downplayed or ignored national security risks, touted Momentus's technology, made baseless financial projections, and falsely touted SRAC's purportedly extensive due diligence.

VII. THE TRUTH EMERGES, CAUSING SRAC'S STOCK PRICE TO PLUMMET

131. From January 4, 2021 until July 13, 2021, the truth regarding SRAC and Momentus was revealed to investors in a series of partial corrective disclosures and materializations of previously concealed risks. Over this period, Momentus and SRAC made several piecemeal partial disclosures of regulators' national security concerns relating to Momentus, resulting in the repeated postponement of its planned space missions, the resignation of Defendant Kokorich, and customers and suppliers abandoning Momentus. Over this period, Momentus and SRAC similarly made piecemeal partial disclosures relating to and as a result of the SEC's investigation into their misleading statements to investors, culminating in the SEC's announcement of the Cease and Desist Order and the filing of a civil enforcement action against Defendant Kokorich on July 13, 2021.

132. In response to SRAC's and Momentus's partial corrective disclosures and materializations of concealed risks over the January 4, 2021 to July 13, 2021

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period, and ultimately in response to the SEC's revelations, SRAC's publicly traded stock price declined dramatically. While SRAC stock reached a Class Period intraday high of \$29.18 per share on February 10, 2021, on July 15, 2021 it closed at only \$10.38 per share.

A. January 4, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Launch Delay

133. On January 4, 2021, after the close of stock market trading, Momentus published a press release titled "Momentus Announces Move of Vigoride from January 2021 Mission; Will be Remanifesting to a Subsequent Launch," and SRAC publicly filed a copy of the press release with the SEC.

134. The press release stated in relevant part that Momentus "will be remanifesting its January 2021 mission to a subsequent launch opportunity in 2021. This move will allow for the additional time necessary to secure FAA approval of Momentus' payloads, including completion of a standard interagency review. "

135. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted a planned December 2020 or January 2021 mission to place customer satellites in space and test Momentus's technology in space. However, as partially revealed by the January 4, 2021 press release, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had begun to materialize, with a federal government agency denying an approval without which Momentus could not operate its business, and with the announcement of an ongoing "interagency review."

136. Following publication of this press release, on January 5, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$16.25 per share, 6.0% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing January 6, 2021 at a price of \$15.40 per share, representing a total loss of 10.9% since publication of the press release.

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B. January 25, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Kokorich's Resignation

137. On January 25, 2021 before the open of stock market trading, Momentus published a press release titled "Momentus Names Dawn Harms Interim CEO," and SRAC publicly filed a copy of the press release with the SEC.

138. The press release disclosed that Defendant Kokorich had resigned effective immediately, and would be replaced by Defendant Harms as interim CEO. The press release stated in relevant part, "Momentus, in consultation with . . . Stable Road . . . has determined that accepting Mr. Kokorich's resignation is in the best interest of the Company, in an effort to expedite the resolution of U.S. government national security and foreign ownership concerns surrounding the Company, the existence of which the Company recently has confirmed." The press release quoted Defendant Kabot as stating, "We believe that this leadership transition will position the company for success and help accelerate regulatory reviews by the U.S. government." The press release stated that "Momentus and Stable Road are fully committed to cooperating with the U.S. government in connection with any regulatory reviews."

139. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted Defendant Kokorich's central importance to Momentus and its future plans. However, as partially revealed by the January 25, 2021 press release, the federal government had "national security and foreign ownership concerns" relating to Momentus. Also as partially revealed by the January 25 press release, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had further materialized, to the point that Momentus's CEO and co-founder was forced to resign, amid ongoing "regulatory reviews by the U.S. government."

140. Following publication of this press release, on January 25, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$23.68 per share, 4.7% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing

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January 26, 2021 at a price of \$22.75 per share. And SRAC's stock continued to fall in the following trading session, closing January 27, 2021 at a price of \$20.10 per share, representing a total loss of 19.1% since publication of the press release.

C. March 8, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Governmental Investigations

141. On March 8, 2021 during stock market trading hours SRAC publicly filed with the SEC an amended Registration Statement on Form S-4/A.

142. The amended Registration Statement contained partial corrective disclosures, and revealed the further materialization of concealed risks, relating to the federal government's national security concerns surrounding Defendant Kokorich. For example, the amended Registration Statement disclosed that:

On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense . . . stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination.

143. The amended Registration Statement similarly revealed that "after a series of communications with the FAA with respect to a license for the January 2021 mission, the FAA ultimately determined that it was unable to grant to SpaceX an approval of the Momentus payload for the SpaceX Transporter-1 launch in January 2021 due to national security and foreign ownership concerns regarding Momentus raised by the Department of Defense during an interagency review."

144. The amended Registration Statement further disclosed that Momentus had offered to undertake costly and time consuming "mitigation" efforts, that would adversely impact its business, in order to address the federal government's national security concerns:

These proposed mitigation measures include, among other things, the engagement of an independent professional to conduct an audit of Momentus' technology, adoption and implementation of a NSIT- or

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ISO-compliant data security plan, and appointment of a security officer to oversee compliance with mitigation terms agreed with CFIUS. Momentus and SRAC indicated in the CFIUS notice that the proposed mitigation measures are not intended to be exhaustive or exclusive, and that they are committed to wholly addressing CFIUS's and its member agencies' national security concerns.

145. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus now did not expect to complete its first launch until June 2021, and that Momentus generally expected a more delayed schedule for launches and commercialization of its technology as compared to its prior forecasts.

146. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus's backlog of customer contracts fell from \$90 million to \$86 million. This represented the cancellation of \$4 million worth of customer contracts, and was a further materialization of concealed risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence, and the resulting significant delay in Momentus's planned launch schedule. Similarly, the amended Registration Statement deleted a statement from the prior version of the Registration Statement, which had said "[w]e were recently selected by Lockheed Martin to support its \$89.7 million contract from NASA's 2020 Tipping Point solicitation, to provide Satellite as a Service using our Vigoride vehicle for Lockheed Martin's payload," thus revealing that Lockheed Martin would no longer use Momentus for this mission.

147. The notes to Momentus's financial statements included in the amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus "has concluded there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date these financial statements are issued," due to its history of losses, need to obtain additional investment, and uncertainty surrounding its products and services. The substantial doubt about Momentus's ability to continue as a going concern represented a further materialization of risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed from investors, as delays in Momentus's

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launch schedule and ability to generate revenue were directly caused by the federal government's national security review of Kokorich and Momentus.

148. The amended Registration Statement also revealed that "in January 2021, the SEC's Division of Enforcement informed SRAC and Momentus that it was investigating certain disclosures made in filings with the SEC, including in connection with the Business Combination. SRAC and Momentus are fully cooperating with the SEC's investigation and are unable to predict the outcome of the matter at this time."

149. Following publication of the amended Registration Statement, on March 8, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$12.50 per share, 8.0% lower as compared to its previous day closing price.

D. May 4, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Loss Of Customers

150. On May 4, 2021 during stock market trading hours representatives of SRAC and Momentus participated in a live broadcast interview with IPO Edge. The interview was accompanied by a modified version of Momentus's investor presentation. On May 5, 2021 SRAC publicly filed a transcript of this interview with the SEC on Form 425, along with a copy of the accompanying investor presentation.

151. The investor presentation was similar to presentations previously published by SRAC and Momentus. However, whereas prior presentations had touted \$90 million or \$86 million of "backlog" customer contracts, Defendants removed all backlog numbers from this new version of the presentation. The May 4, 2021 presentation contained slides titled "Momentus at a Glance" and "Significant Customer Traction and Expected Demand" that were substantially similar to slides included in prior presentations, with the exception that the prior versions contained specific backlog numbers which were now conspicuously absent from the May 4, 2021 presentation. Also conspicuously absent from the May 4, 2021 presentation was the inclusion of Lockheed Martin among the lists of customers included in prior

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presentation versions. These changes to the investor presentation revealed to the market that Momentus continued to lose customers and backlog. This was a further materialization of concealed risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence, and the resulting significant delay in Momentus's planned launch schedule.

152. Following the broadcast of this interview and presentation, on May 4, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$11.08 per share, 6.7% lower as compared to its previous day closing price.

E. May 24, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Further Launch Delays

153. On May 24, 2021 during stock market trading hours SRAC publicly filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K.

154. The current report stated in relevant part "On May 23, 2021, Momentus informed Stable Road that it does not expect to fly any missions in 2021 and that this determination was based on information from SpaceX that it was suspending its Momentus-related efforts while Momentus works to secure approvals from the U.S. government . . . Momentus is in the process of updating its financial projections and backlog."

155. From the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted participation in multiple planned launches in 2021, even after they admitted to delays in the launch schedule in response to ongoing national security investigations. Defendants had likewise repeatedly touted SpaceX as a key partner important to Momentus's future plans and success. However, as partially revealed by the May 24, 2021 current report, the risks relating to national security and SRAC's deficient due diligence concealed by Defendants' false statements had further materialized, and Momentus would now not be able to participate in any launches in 2021, and so would not be able to generate any revenue from offering its services in space in 2021.

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156. Similarly, from the October 7, 2020 deal announcement onward, Defendants had repeatedly touted the potential revenue from Momentus's customer order backlog, and aggressive revenue projections based on multiple launches occurring in 2021, but now admitted that these figures required "updating."

157. Following publication of this current report, on May 24, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$10.42 per share, 13.4% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing May 25, 2021 at a price of \$10.17 per share, representing a total loss of 15.5% since publication of the current report.

F. June 29, 2021 Disclosures Regarding Failed Technology Test And National Security Issues

158. On June 29, 2021 after the close of stock market trading SRAC publicly filed with the SEC an amended Registration Statement on Form S-4/A.

159. The amended Registration Statement contained partial corrective disclosures relating to Momentus's unproven technology. The amended Registration Statement disclosed that "the technology underlying [Momentus's] anticipated service offerings (including its water plasma propulsion technology) is still in the process of being developed and has not been fully tested or validated in space and may never have the capabilities or functionality in space that Momentus currently expects."

160. More specifically, the amended Registration Statement admitted that Momentus's sole in space test had not met its objectives and had encountered serious operational problems:

Our first-generation X-band thruster, which operates at 30 Watts, was flown aboard a demonstration mission called El Camino Real in mid-2019. During this mission, Momentus launched its first MET into space as a hosted payload on a nanosatellite. The mission's objective was to demonstrate the MET's ability to produce water plasma in space by performing 100 one-minute firings. The MET was instrumented with temperature, pressure and RF reflected power

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sensors to infer the presence of water plasma, which if detected, would indicate that the water propellant was flowing into the thrust chamber and radio frequency energy was being absorbed by the water. Failure of the host satellite in November 2019 prematurely terminated the demonstration after only 23 of the planned 100 firings of the thruster had been performed including 12 hot firings with microwave power turned on and 11 cold firings with the microwave turned off. While a pump issue significantly restricted flow of water into the thruster during nine of the 12 hot firings, preventing plasmageneration, the three hot firings that did have water present were found to have produced plasma.

161. The amended Registration Statement also contained partial corrective disclosures, and revealed the further materialization of concealed risks, relating to the federal government's national security concerns surrounding Defendant

Kokorich. For example, the amended Registration Statement disclosed that:

On June 8, 2021, CFIUS' review of the joint notice relating to historical acquisitions of interests in Momentus by Mr. Kokorich, his wife, and entities that they control concluded when the Company entered into a National Security Agreement with Mr. Kokorich, on behalf of himself and Nortrone Finance S.A. (an entity controlled by Mr. Kokorich), Lev Khasis and Olga Khasis, each in their respective individual capacities and on behalf of Brainyspace LLC (an entity controlled by Olga Khasis), and the U.S. government, represented by the U.S. Departments of Defense and the Treasury (the 'NSA'). In accordance with the NSA, on June 8, 2021, Mr. Kokorich, Nortrone Finance S.A., Lev Khasis and his wife Olga Khasis, and Brainyspace LLC fully divested all the equity interests in Momentus owned or beneficially owned by them by selling such equity interests to Momentus. The NSA also establishes various requirements and restrictions on Momentus in order to protect national security, certain of which may materially and adversely affect the operating results of Momentus due to uncertainty associated with and the cost of compliance with security measures, and limitations on Momentus' control over certain U.S. facilities, contracts, personnel, vendor selection and operations.

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162. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus would have to pay Defendant Kokorich, Lev Khasis, and their affiliates, \$50 million in exchange for the repurchase of their interests in Momentus.

163. The amended Registration Statement revealed that Momentus's National Security Agreement with the U.S. government imposed onerous and expensive requirements on Momentus, including that:

Under the NSA, we are required to hire and pay for the costs of a full time Security Officer who will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the NSA, an independent third-party monitor to monitor compliance with the NSA by the parties to the NSA, as well as an independent third-party auditor to regularly audit our compliance with the NSA. We are also required to establish: (i) a security plan to safeguard protected technical information, systems and facilities; (ii) a board-level Security Committee to oversee the development and implementation of policies and procedures to safeguard protected technical information, systems and facilities and to exercise appropriate oversight and monitoring of Momentus' operations to ensure that the protective measures contained in the NSA are effectively maintained and implemented; (iii) an audit plan; and (iv) a communications plan. We are also required to provide detailed and frequent reports to the third-party monitor. We will incur substantial costs to implement these and other requirements under the NSA, and we expect that substantial personnel time will need to be devoted to implement and comply with these requirements . . . These costs, requirements and restrictions may materially and adversely affect our operating results.

164. The amended Registration Statement revealed that, prior to the divestment by Kokorich, Khasis, and their affiliates, "the Federal Aviation Administration . . . recently denied one of our payload review applications due to interagency concerns related to our foreign ownership and corporate structure." Defendants similarly disclosed that "on May 10, 2021 . . . Momentus received a letter from the FAA denying Momentus' application for a payload review for the planned June 2021 launch based on the FAA's finding that its launch would jeopardize U.S. national security."

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165. The amended Registration Statement revealed further delays to Momentus's anticipated launch schedule:

Our first launch with customers is currently anticipated to occur in June 2022, subject to receipt of licenses and other government approvals and availability of slots on our launch provider's manifests. Prior planned launches were cancelled due to not receiving required licenses and other governmental approvals and other factors, and we can offer no assurances that our first launch will occur in June 2022.

And Defendants similarly admitted that "Momentus now anticipates sending its first two Vigoride vehicles into space in June 2022 . . . approximately 18 months later than had been contemplated at the time of our initial merger announcement."

166. Defendants further admitted in the amended Registration Statement that the national security concerns and resulting delays had led customers to abandon Momentus:

If we do not receive [government] approvals in a timely manner, our financial condition, results of operations, backlog and prospects will be materially adversely affected. For example, we have experienced erosion in our backlog of \$86 million as of March 4, 2021 to \$66 million as of June 11, 2021 as customers chose to cancel their contracts with us and seek alternative providers due to delays in our scheduled missions as we await receipt of necessary governmental approvals.

167. The amended Registration Statement revealed that SRAC and Momentus had amended their merger agreement, to reflect the fact that Momentus was only half as valuable as Defendants had previously represented to public investors:

On June 29, 2021, SRAC, Momentus and the other parties to the Merger Agreement entered into an amendment to the Merger Agreement to, among other things, reduce the enterprise valuation of Momentus from \$1.131 billion to \$566.6 million due to regulatory delays which have resulted in delays in the closing of the Business Combination and Momentus' launch schedule. As a result of these delays, Momentus has updated its financial projections.

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168. The amended Registration Statement disclosed dramatic downward revisions to Momentus's prior revenue projections. For example, Defendants now admitted Momentus had no revenue in 2020, projected no revenue for 2021, and projected only \$5 million in revenue for 2022, in addition to dramatic downward revisions in all later years as well. Defendants admitted, "[i]n general, projected revenue and gross profits have shifted forward by 18 months."

169. The amended Registration Statement admitted that Momentus's revenue projections "are based on assumptions about Momentus' ability to fully develop, test and validate its technology in space, including its water plasma propulsion technology, and assumes that Momentus can obtain the necessary licenses and regulatory approvals from the U.S. government for its missions on a timely basis."

170. The amended Registration Statement further admitted that, "Momentus has incurred significant losses since inception, it expects to incur losses in the future and it may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability."

171. Finally, the amended Registration Statement admitted regarding the ongoing SEC investigation:

On January 24, 2021, the Company received a subpoena from the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission . . . requesting documents regarding the Registration Statement . . . filed by SRAC in connection with the Business Combination. Most recently, the Company has entered into settlement discussions with the Division of Enforcement in an effort to resolve a potential enforcement action.

172. Following publication of the amended Registration Statement, on June 30, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$13.97 per share, 4.7% higher as compared to its

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that other material, undisclosed problems existed at Momentus, that SRAC's deficient due diligence had failed to discover.

177. In addition, the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint were the further materialization of the risks concealed from investors by Defendants. Defendants' own false statements had created the risk that regulatory action would be taken against them, and would adversely affect the future prospects of SRAC and Momentus through, *inter alia*, penalties, additional compliance burdens, and reputational damage.

178. Among the requirements of the SEC Order, consented to by Defendants Momentus, SRAC, the Sponsor, and Kabot, were that: (i) SRAC shall pay a \$1 million penalty, (ii) Kabot shall pay a \$40,000 penalty, (iii) Momentus shall a \$7 million penalty, (iv) each of Momentus, SRAC, the Sponsor, and Kabot shall cooperate with SEC interviews in any related proceedings, (v) Momentus shall create an independent board committee to ensure compliance with the SEC order and implement disclosure controls, (vi) Momentus shall retain and pay for an independent compliance consultant approved by the SEC, who will conduct comprehensive ethics and compliance reviews, (vii) Momentus shall adopt and implement all recommendations of the independent compliance consultant, (viii) Momentus and SRAC shall allow certain private placement investors to terminate their investment agreements, and (ix) the Sponsor shall forego 250,000 founder shares in SRAC to which it was otherwise entitled.

179. Following the publication of the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint, on July 14, 2021 SRAC's stock closed at \$10.66 per share, 10.3% lower as compared to its previous day closing price. SRAC's stock continued to fall in the next trading session, closing July 15, 2021 at a price of \$10.38 per share, representing a total loss of 12.6% since publication of the SEC Order and SEC Complaint.

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MADE MATERIALLY FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS.

Misleading Pre-Class Period Public Statements

180. In several pre-Class Period public statements, available to public investors during the Class Period, Defendants claimed that Momentus's water plasma propulsion system had been successfully tested in space, and that its commercial viability had been demonstrated by this in space test.

181. Momentus, through its launch partner Astro Digital US, Inc., publicly filed a report with the Federal Communications Commission dated September 11, 2018, relating to Momentus's planned initial in space test mission. In connection with that submission, Momentus and Astro Digital publicly filed a document titled 'Form 442, Technical Question 6 Response," which stated under the heading 'Mission Summary":

The Momentus X1 microwave electrothermal thruster (MET) spacecraft mission is a commercial demonstration of a propulsion system to exhibit its applicability to small spacecraft . . . The mission will demonstrate the reliability, longevity, performance, and utility of the microwave-based plasma propulsion system, which utilizes water as a propellant. A propulsion system suitable for 16U CubeSat vehicles or larger that is cost-effective enables more orbital maneuverability for a large class of space vehicles. Areas where this could be of benefit include orbital debris removal missions, collision avoidance, beyond-LEO missions, and smallsat deorbiting.

182. The same document, under the heading "Specific objectives of the Research Project," stated:

The research objectives of this project are: . . . To demonstrate that microwave electrothermal thrusters provide cost-effective high delta V capability to SmallSats via orbital maneuvering. This mission will show that this particular system is mature enough to be used by the small satellite market, and can be quickly and easily integrated with CubeSats as well as larger, more capable spacecraft. This provides an immediate low-cost mechanism for a wide range of space vehicles to integrate with a low risk profile.

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Deleted: are collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Individual Defendants." Because of the Individual Defendants' executive positions, they each had access to the undisclosed adverse information about Stable Road's and Momentus's business, operations, products, and present and future business prospects via internal corporate documents, conversations and connections with other corporate officers and employees, and attendance at management and Board of Directors meetings and committees thereof.

13. Each of the Individual Defendants was directly involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company and/or Momentus at the highest levels and was privy to confidential proprietary information concerning Stable Road and Momentus. addition, the Individual Defendants were involved in drafting, producing, reviewing and/or disseminating the false and misleading statements and information alleged herein, were aware of, or recklessly disregarded, the false and misleading statements being issued regarding the Company and Momentus, and approved or ratified these statements, in violation of the federal securities laws. 14. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions of control and authority as officers and/or directors of the Company and Momentus, were able to, and did, control the content of the various SEC filings, press releases, and other public statements pertaining to the Company and Momentus during the Class Period. Each Individual Defendant was provided with copies of the documents alleged herein to be misleading before or shortly after their issuance and/or had the ability and/or opportunity to prevent their issuance or cause them to be corrected. Accordingly, each Individual Defendant is responsible for the accuracy of the public statements detailed herein and is, therefore, primarily liable for the representations contained therein.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Stable Road is a blank check company. A blank check company is sometimes referred to as a special purpose acquisition vehicle, or "SPAC," and does not initially have any operations or business of its own. Rather, it raises money from investors in an initial public offering and then uses the proceeds from the offering to acquire a business or operational assets, usually from a private company that does not publicly report financial or operating results. As a result, investors in blank check

companies rely on the skill, transparency and honesty of the blank check company's sponsor to spend the offering proceeds to acquire a fundamentally sound target company that offers attractive riskadjusted returns for investors.

16. In November 2019, the Sponsor and defendants Kabot and Norris took Stable Road public via an initial public offering (the "IPO"). While Stable Road did not identify any target companies at the time of the IPO, the IPO offering materials stated that the Company planned to pursue an acquisition focused in the cannabis sector. IPO offering materials claimed that the Sponsor and Stable Road management, including defendants Kabot and Norris, would "[c]onduct rigorous due diligence" of any target possibilities,
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183. In a January 14, 2019 blog post on the Momentus website discussing this initial in space test flight, Momentus claimed:

The purpose of El Camino Real will be to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors, and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that when they sign up for a Momentus Space service, it will be on time, safe and reliable. We will be flying our high performance X-Band (10 GHz)microwave electrothermal thruster with enough water propellant that we will be able to run the thruster long enough to fully characterize its performance in space with dozens of stop start cycles and then safely de-orbit the vehicle.

184. In a September 25, 2019 article titled "Momentus reports success in testing water plasma propulsion," published by the space industry publication Space News, Defendant Kokorich is quoted as stating:

The on-orbit testing has demonstrated for the first time that microwave electrothermal plasma technology has the potential to achieve high specific impulse using water propellant . . . Water plasma propulsion is now technologically mature enough to be baselined for operational in-space transportation missions.

185. The article further quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating, "[t]he purpose of the El Camino Real mission was to flight demonstrate our core propulsion technology so customers, investors and stakeholders can have absolute confidence that Momentus will deliver their payloads to a given orbit."

186. These statements, combined with Defendants' Class Period public statements touting the "successful" in space test of Momentus's technology, materially misled investors regarding the purposes and results of Momentus's one and only in space test. As detailed in Section V.B, *supra*, Momentus's only in space test was a failure, and it was not designed to demonstrate, and was not capable of demonstrating, the commercial viability of Momentus's technology.

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B. October 7, 2020 Merger Agreement Announcement

187. The Class Period begins on October 7, 2020, when Defendants announced the proposed merger between SRAC and Momentus in communications including: (i) a joint press release from SRAC and Momentus, (ii) an investor presentation prepared by Momentus and filed with the SEC by SRAC, (iii) a conference call with Defendants Kabot and Kokorich participating, the script for which was filed with the SEC by SRAC, and (iv) a televised interview with Defendant Kabot on CNBC, the transcript of which was filed with the SEC by SRAC. SRAC filed these documents with the SEC as exhibits to current reports signed by Defendant Kabot.

1. National Security Risks

188. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "The Company plans to launch its first Vigoride vehicle in December 2020 with commercial customers and four to five Vigorides in 2021."

189. The investor presentation presented a timeline under the heading "First Mover with Rapid Progress To Date," forecasting four launches by the end of 2021.

190. In the television interview, Defendant Kabot stated regarding Momentus's launch schedule:

Our first commercial launch will be in December 2020 with SpaceX. We have a pretty full vehicle of satellites to deliver. And then we have a phenomenal launch cadence for 2021 going up with SpaceX in February, June, and December 2021. We actually have one and a half vehicles already booked for December 2021. So pretty aggressive launch cadence with SpaceX.

191. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kokorich as saying "I am the Founder and CEO of Momentus . . . We are a first mover in offering space transportation and infrastructure services, powered by our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology." The conference call script further quotes Defendant

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Kokorich as saying that Momentus "will be conducting our first flight with customers in December 2020."

192. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating, "Momentus is at the forefront of the new space economy and is poised to capitalize on the significant growth opportunity as a first mover," The press release further quoted Defendant Kokorich as stating "[w]e expect to deploy the proceeds of this transaction to support our rapid growth and operations, and to support our capital needs as we ramp up revenues."

193. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant Kabot as stating "As the only public, pure-play commercial space company capable of revolutionizing space infrastructure, Momentus is poised to capitalize on its market-defining position."

194. The investor presentation stated "Exceptional Team Led By Visionary Founder," prominently featuring a picture of Defendant Kokorich, who it described as a "Visionary space entrepreneur and innovator," and who it identified as Momentus's CEO and founder. The presentation also stated under the heading "Momentus Opportunity," "Well-seasoned team with experience in aerospace, propulsion and robotics piloted by visionary leader and innovator," in reference to Defendant Kokorich.

195. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kabot as stating, "[w]ith its visionary founder, highly experienced management team, progress to date and significant commercial traction, Momentus is set to revolutionize and enable the future of the space economy."

196. The statements in ¶188-95 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the

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federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

197. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶188-95 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus and regarding Momentus's planned launch schedule lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Momentus's Technology

198. The investor presentation under the heading "Company Overview," stated, "Groundbreaking water propulsion technology that significantly reduces costs and is reusable," and "Successfully tested water based propulsion technology on a demo flight launched mid-2019 – is still operational today."

199. In the television interview, Defendant Kabot stated "we had a very successful test launch, the vehicle is still flying around in space, which is great."

200. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus stated "Momentus offers its customers significantly more affordable access to space by combining the capabilities of low-cost launch vehicles and Momentus' transport and service vehicles, powered by water plasma propulsion technology . . . In 2019, the Company successfully tested its water plasma propulsion technology in space."

201. The investor presentation presented a timeline under the heading "First Mover with Rapid Progress To Date," reflecting the "El Camino test flight" in 2019.

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202. The investor presentation presented a slide titled "Cornerstone Water Propulsion Innovation" which stated "High ISP . . . 2 to 5 times any chemical propulsion system" and "High thrust . . . 10 times higher than most electric propulsion."

203. The joint press release from SRAC and Momentus quoted Defendant*
Kokorich as stating, "The technologies we've developed or built upon, including our
groundbreaking water plasma propulsion, will support growing demand from the
booming satellite industry with affordable, versatile and low risk transportation and
infrastructure services,"

204. The conference call script quotes Defendant Kokorich as saying, "We are building upon last year's successful in-space test of our water plasma propulsion and will be conducting our first flight with customers in December 2020." The script also quotes Defendant Kokorich as stating, "We are a first mover in offering space transportation and infrastructure services, powered by our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology." The script further quotes Defendant Kokorich stating:

At the heart of our vehicles is our groundbreaking water plasma propulsion technology, which uses simple water as a propellant. Our system was designed to be safe, inexpensive and offer an excellent mix of thrust and efficiency. Our thruster is more efficient than conventional chemical propulsion and has higher thrust than electric propulsion, such as Hall-effect thrusters.

205. The statements in ¶198-204 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.B, *supra*, regarding Momentus's in space test failure. These undisclosed adverse facts directly contradicted Defendants' claims to have successfully tested Momentus's technology in space, and rendered Defendants'

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22. Also on October 7, 2020, derendant Kabot appeared on CNBC to promote the Merger. In an interview, defendant Kabot stated.⁴¹ We have a, we had a very successful test launch, the vehicle is still flying around in space, which is great. Our first commercial launch will be in December 2020 with Space. W

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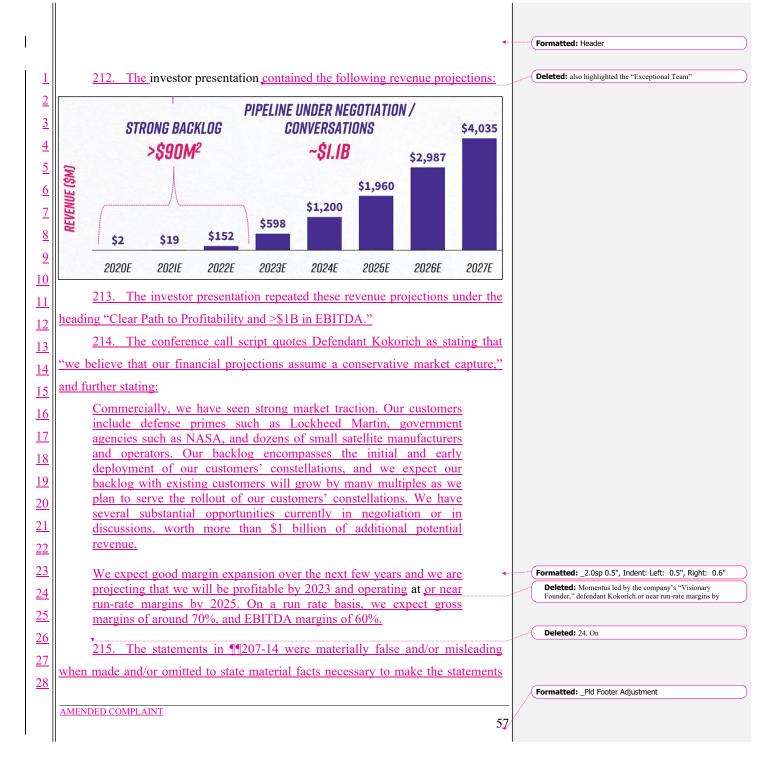
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not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

216. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶207-14 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

4. **Due Diligence**

217. In the television interview, the interviewer asked, "Speaking of SPACs right, I came into this segment saying blank check bonanza, SPAC-a-palooza . . . I'm wondering what you make of it and whether you think there's just too many." Defendant Kabot responded:

I think it's very healthy, right . . . And what I think is great for the investor is we did four months of due diligence. We spent a lot of money with some of the top service providers out there from Stellar Solutions to Kirkland and Ellis, from Orrick to Evercore to cantor completing our underwriting, right, we did four months of due diligence, which in a traditional ipo you would never have the opportunity to do, so I think SPACs are very healthy for the market.

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218. The statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶217 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Momentus, their statements touting their due diligence process were materially misleading.

C. October 13, 2020 Updated Investor Presentation

219. On October 13, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an updated version of the investor presentation filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020.

220. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentation as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

D. November 2, 2020 Registration Statement

221. On November 2, 2020, SRAC filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot, Defendant Norris, and by each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

1. National Security Risks

222. The registration statement stated that, "[u]pon the consummation of the Business Combination, the Company's co-founder, Mr. Kokorich, will serve as Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Combined Company." The registration

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We have been pursuing a BIS license since early 2018 to authorize the deemed export of the Company's controlled technology to Mr. Kokorich, but we have not yet been able to obtain such a license, and there is no assurance we will ever be able to obtain such a license in the future. If we continue to operate without such a license, Mr. Kokorich will continue to be unable to access this controlled technology for as long as he remains a non-US person. While we believe that if the current restrictions on Mr. Kokorich's access to controlled technology remain in place, we will be able to continue to operate our business without any material adverse impact on us, it is possible that these restrictions could in the future lead to complications or other issues that may have a material adverse impact on our operations.

227. Regarding Defendant Kokorich's immigration status, the registration statement stated that:

Momentus' co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mikhail Kokorich, who will be the Chief Executive Officer of the Combined Company, is a citizen of the Russian Federation who is seeking asylum in the United States and is authorized to work in the United States while his asylum application is pending. While Momentus believes Mr. Kokorich's application will be granted, if for any reason it is not, he may not be able to remain in the United States, which could make it difficult for him to perform his duties as Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company and the Combined Company, which would adversely impact us.

228. The statements in ¶222-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

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229. In addition, the statements in ¶¶224-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made because the risk warnings presented as mere hypothetical risks adverse events that had already materialized; and the risk warnings failed to disclose specific facts concerning regulatory actions involving Defendant Kokorich, as detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, that were necessary for investors to understand the magnitude and/or probability of the risks at issue.

230. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶222-27 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

2. Momentus's Technology

231. The registration statement stated that, "Momentus has developed a portfolio of technologies, including its cornerstone water plasma propulsion technology, which it successfully tested in space in 2019."

232. The registration statement stated that "[o]ur revolutionary water plasma propulsion technology provides a unique competitive advantage for our vehicles and services," and that "[w]e view this technology as ground-breaking, as it can achieve considerable propulsive thrust level while maintaining high ISP, which enables a shorter duration of missions, an enhanced reach, and excellent payload mass ratio."

233. The registration statement reproduced a slide from the SRAC/Momentus investor presentations previously published on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020, which slide was titled "Cornerstone Water Propulsion

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Formatted: Header Innovation," and which stated "High ISP . . . 2 to 5 times any chemical propulsion system" and "High thrust . . . 10 times higher than most electric propulsion." <u>3</u> 234. The registration statement, under the heading "Competitive Advantage <u>4</u> Overview," stated: <u>5</u> A key space-specific barrier to entry is flight heritage. Ultimately the only way to assess the reliability of a product, such as satellites or <u>6</u> launch services, is by seeing a history of successful results, which in 7 turn influences insurance rates and customers' perceptions. Therefore, we believe that our status as a first mover will offer a substantial 8 competitive advantage as we continue to build flight heritage ahead of 9 competitors. 10 235. The statements in ¶231-34 were materially false and/or misleading 11 when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements 12 not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse 13 facts detailed in Section V.B, supra, regarding Momentus's in space test failure. <u>14</u> These undisclosed adverse facts directly contradicted Defendants' claims to have <u>15</u> successfully tested Momentus's technology in space, and rendered Defendants' <u>16</u> statements about the properties and commercial readiness of this technology <u>17</u> materially misleading. <u>18</u> 236. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual <u> 19</u> Defendants in ¶231-34 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or <u>20</u> omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, 21 because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on <u>23</u> Momentus, Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed Deleted: was <u>24</u> adequate due diligence on the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding the results of this mission and the commercial readiness of Momentus's technology <u> 26</u> lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading. <u>27</u> <u>28</u> Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 63

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237. The registration statement stated that, "The Combined Company will have an anticipated initial enterprise value of \$1.2 billion, implying a 1.0x multiple of 2025 projected EBITDA as Momentus' operations are expected to achieve scale."

238. The registration statement stated that, "we have received significant interest from a wide range of different customers across different satellite applications. Our current signed backlog (as of November 1, 2020) is worth approximately \$90 million in potential revenue and continues to increase, while our pipeline consists of approximately \$1.1 billion in potential contracts in negotiation or early conversations."

239. The registration statement contained the following revenue projections:

Management Forecasted Financials ⁽¹⁾														
(\$ in millions)	2020E		2021E		2022E		2023E		2024E		2025E	2026E	2027E	
Satellite Transportation Services ⁽¹⁾	\$	2	\$	19	\$	122	\$	435	\$	852	\$ 1,089	\$ 1,453	\$	1,717
Satellite as a Service ⁽¹⁾		_		_		30		153		319	721	1,192		1,650
In-Orbit Services(1)		_		_		_		10		29	150	343		669
Revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$	2	\$	19	\$	152	\$	598	\$	1,200	\$ 1,960	\$ 2,987	\$	4,035
(%) Growth		NM		809%		718%		293%		101%	63%	52%		35%

240. The registration statement claimed that "in the view of Momentus' management," these projections "reflect[] to the best of management's knowledge and reasonable belief at the time of preparation, the expected course of action and the expected future financial performance of Momentus as of the date of preparation."

241. The statements in ¶237-40 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C., *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial

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projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

242. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in \$\mathbb{q}\$237-40 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

4. **Due Diligence**

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243. Regarding SRAC's due diligence, the registration statement stated that:

During the period between the execution of the Confidentiality Agreement and the execution of the Merger Agreement on October 7, 2020, SRAC and its advisors conducted extensive due diligence with respect to Momentus' financial model, customer base and customer contracts, total addressable market, industry in which Momentus operates, companies comparable to Momentus and aero-defense companies with similar characteristics, technology solutions, intellectual property and relationship with SpaceX. Momentus provided representatives of SRAC and its advisors with, among other materials in connection with SRAC's diligence review, confidential presentations reflecting an overview of Momentus' business, as well as financial forecasts and written responses to detailed business and financial due diligence questions.

244. The registration statement further stated that, "[r]epresentatives of each of SRAC and Momentus, as well as each of their advisors, met telephonically

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Formatted: Header several times throughout July, August and September 2020 to discuss disclosure requests and responses in connection with SRAC's diligence review." <u>3</u> 245. The registration statement further stated that, "[o]n September 1, 2020, SRAC engaged Stellar Solutions to assist with technical due diligence, including 4 with respect to Momentus' R&D strategy, vehicle development to date, testing progress and competitive market positioning," and that "[f]rom September 25, 2020 <u>6</u> until signing on October 7, 2020, SRAC had multiple teleconferences and email exchanges with representatives of K&E, Stellar Solutions, RSM and certain of its 9 other advisors regarding the results of their due diligence review of Momentus and any outstanding areas of their due diligence review." 10 11 246. The registration statement stated that in deciding to approve the merger agreement, SRAC's board of directors "considered the scope of the due diligence Deleted: a "foreign person" investigation conducted by SRAC's management and outside advisors and evaluated 13 the results thereof," including "extensive meetings and calls with the Momentus <u>14</u> management team," "review of materials related to Momentus made available by 15 Momentus, including . . . export control and security matters," "review of financial Deleted: The Committee on Foreign Investment <u> 16</u> due diligence materials prepared by professional advisors," "technical diligence by a third party systems engineering service provider with significant experience in <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> system and subsystem design and propulsion technology," and "discussions with industry experts." 20 247. The statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in <u>21</u> ¶243-46 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed <u>24</u> to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, supra, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because <u> 26</u> SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Momentus, their statements touting their due diligence process were materially misleading. Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 66

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E. November 17, 2020 Analyst Day Presentation

248. On November 17, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an "analyst day" presentation which was substantially similar to the investor presentations previously filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020.

249. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this analyst day presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentations (with the exception that the November 17, 2020 analyst day presentation omitted the "Transaction Highlights" slide) as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

F. December 14, 2020 Amended Registration Statement And Updated Investor Presentation

250. On December 14, 2020, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained an updated investor presentation which was substantially similar to the investor presentations previously filed by SRAC on October 7, 2020 and October 13, 2020, and to the analyst day presentation previously filed by SRAC on November 17, 2020.

251. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions contained in the previously published investor presentations as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

252. On December 14, 2020, SRAC also filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's

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Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained an officer or shareholder, and made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Kokorich U.S. Person status.

257. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶254-55 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding his continued involvement with Momentus, whether he would be granted U.S. Person status, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

G. January 4-5, 2021 Press Release And Interviews

258. On January 4, 2021 Momentus issued a press release, which SRAC filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot. Also on January 4, 2021, IPO Edge published an interview with Defendant Kennedy, which SRAC filed with the SEC. On January 5, 2021 Forbes published an interview with Defendant Kokorich, which SRAC filed with the SEC.

1. National Security Risks

259. In the press release, Momentus stated regarding regulatory approvals and its launch schedule that:

[Momentus] will be remanifesting its January 2021 mission to a subsequent launch opportunity in 2021. This move will allow for the additional time necessary to secure FAA approval of Momentus' payloads, including completion of a standard interagency review. Momentus currently holds all other necessary licenses for its Vigoride

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Formatted: Header Momentus is approximately 74% U.S.-owned today, and this U.S.majority ownership is expected to increase to approximately 84% <u>2</u> upon the company's merger with Stable Road. This merger is on <u>3</u> target to close in the first quarter of 2021 (subject to approval of Stable Road's and Momentus' stockholders and other closing <u>4</u> conditions, including a registration statement being declared effective <u>5</u> by the SEC). We also mention in our S-4 that Mikhail Kokorich, the CEO of Momentus and one of the company's larger shareholders, is <u>6</u> an asylum seeker from the Russian Federation, currently pursuing 7 several paths to U.S. Person status. We believe that Mr. Kokorich meets all legal requirements to be granted such status in the United 8 States, and that he will be offered U.S. citizenship, further increasing 9 U.S. ownership of Momentus. 10 264. The IPO Edge interviewer asked, "In addition to the FAA approval, are 11 there any other approvals/licenses Momentus still needs in order to launch 12 Vigoride?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied, "No, Momentus currently holds 13 all necessary licenses for its Vigoride vehicle." <u>14</u> 265. The Forbes interviewer asked Kokorich, "Who is your biggest <u>15</u> inspiration?", to which Defendant Kokorich replied: <u>16</u> My source of inspiration is the story of Igor Sikorsky, a great Russian-17 American inventor, aviator and entrepreneur. I found a lot of commonalities in his life and my own. He became famous and <u>18</u> successful in the Russian Empire, where he built the largest plane in 19 the world, and finally ran from the Bolshevik regime of Soviet Russia to the United States. He created a large aerospace company and 20 became the inventor of a new class of flying machines: helicopters, 21 the possibility of which was predicted by the great Leonardo Da Vinci. <u>22</u> <u>23</u> 266. The statements in ¶259-65 were materially false and/or misleading Deleted: referenced Deleted: 21-24 above <u>24</u> when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse <u> 26</u> Deleted: about facts detailed in Section V.A, supra, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the Deleted: business, federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as AMENDED COMPLAINT 71

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268. In the press release, Momentus stated that "The Company reaffirms its expectation of 2021 revenue as detailed in its December 2020 investor presentation."

269. The Press release quoted Defendant Kennedy as stating "We anticipate that by launching our first Vigoride vehicle on a subsequent mission, we will still achieve our revenue expectations for 2021 while delivering our customers' payloads to orbit."

270. The IPO Edge interviewer asked Defendant Kennedy, "How will the new launch date impact your 2021 revenue?", to which Defendant Kennedy replied, "The number of launches did not change. Rather than launching in January, we will launch this particular vehicle at our first opportunity, later this year. Hence, we do not expect changes to our total revenue for 2021."

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(a) that Momentus's 2019 test of its key technology, a water plasma thruster, had failed to meet Momentus's own public and internal prelaunch criteria for success, and was conducted on a prototype that was not designed to generate commercially significant amounts of

(b) that the U.S. government had conveyed that it considered the CEO of Momentus, defendant Kokorich, a national security threat, which jeopardized defendant Kokorich's continued leadership of Momentus and Momentus's launch schedule and business prospects: (c) that, as a result of (a) and (b) above, the revenue projections and business and operational plans provided to investors regarding Momentus and the commercial viability and timeline of its products were materially false and misleading and lacked a reasonable basis in fact; and

(d) that Stable Road had failed to conduct appropriate due diligence of Momentus and its business operations and defendants had materially misrepresented the due diligence activities being conducted by the Sponsor and Stable Road executives in connection with the Merger.

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271. The Forbes interviewer asked Kokorich, "Why did you choose the SPAC route to going public? What are the benefits of this versus the traditional IPO route?", to which Defendant Kokorich replied:

During the SPAC merger process, a company can communicate its plans and projections to the market, which is challenging to do during the IPO process. This is especially valuable for fast-growing companies, who place a lot of value in future growth. Additionally, a company can negotiate and test its valuation during the PIPE process before the deal becomes public and the company goes to market. PIPE is common for SPAC deals, and it also signals to the market that the valuation was negotiated with professional and reputable investors.

272. The statements in ¶268-71 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C., *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

273. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶268-71 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

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H. January 25, 2021, Press Release

274. On January 25, 2021 Momentus issued a press release, which SRAC filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot. The press release announced that Momentus's "Board of Directors has appointed Dawn Harms, the Company's Chief Revenue Officer, as a director and interim CEO effective immediately, following the resignation of director and founding CEO Mikhail Kokorich."

275. The press release stated, "Momentus, in consultation with [SRAC], has determined that accepting Mr. Kokorich's resignation is in the best interest of the Company, in an effort to expedite the resolution of U.S. government national security and foreign ownership concerns surrounding the Company, the existence of which the Company recently has confirmed."

276. The press release quoted Defendant Kabot as stating, "We believe that this leadership transition will position the company for success and help accelerate regulatory reviews by the U.S. government . . . We have full confidence in Dawn and the team to lead the Company to reach both near-term targets and achieve even greater success over the longer-term."

277. The statements in ¶274-76 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

278. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶274-76 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material

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Deleted: 27. On this news, the price of Stable Road securities plummeted. Over three trading days, the price of Stable Road Class A stock fell \$4.75, or 19%, to close at \$20.10 per share on January 27, 2021. However, because the truth regarding Stable Road's due diligence activities and the commercial viability of Momentus products and its expected revenues remained concealed by defendants, the price of Stable Road securities remained artificially inflated.¹

28. On July 13, 2021, the SEC announced charges against Stable Road, the Sponsor, Momentus, defendant Kabot and defendant Kokorich for making

"misleading claims about Momentus's technology and about national security risks associated with Kokorich." that all parties other than defendant Kokorich had settled the charges against them for \$8 million in total, while the case against defendant Kokorich continued. The release stated in pertinent part as follows: According to the SEC's settled order, Kokorich and Momentus, an early-stage space transportation company, repeatedly told investors that it had "successfully tested" its propulsion technology in space when, in fact, the company's only in-space test had failed to achieve its primary mission objectives or demonstrate the technology's commercial viability. The order finds that Momentus and Kokorich also misrepresented the extent to which national security concerns involving Kokorich undermined Momentus's ability to secure required governmental licenses essential to its operations. In addition, the order finds that Stable Road repeated Momentus's misleading statements in public filings associated with the proposed merger and failed its due diligence obligations to investors According to the order, while Stable Road claimed to have conducted extensive due diligence of Momentus, it never reviewed the results of Momentus's in-space test or received sufficient documents relevant to assessing the national security risks posed by Kokorich. The order finds that Kabot participated in Stable Road's inadequate due diligence and in filing its inaccurate registration statements and proxy solicitations. The SEC's complaint against Kokorich includes factual allegations that are confindings in the order.

29. Also on July 13, 2021, the SEC publicized a cease-and-desist order ("Order") and complaint against defendant Kokorich which detailed defendants' scheme to defraud investors in connection with the Merger. The Order stated in pertinent part as follows:

- 3. Momentus's business plans and multi-billion dollar revenue projections, as provided to PIPE investors and described in SRAC's Form S-4 registration statement/proxy statement filed in connection with the anticipated merger, were premised on Momentus's development of commercially viable technology that it could employ to provide commercial space services to customers in the near-term on U.S.-based launches.
- 4. Momentus and Kokorich misled SRAC's investors, including the PIPE investors, in two key respects. First, Momentus and SRAC both claimed that in 2019, Momentus had "successfully tested" in space its key technology, a microwave electro-thermal ("MET") water plasma thruster, that Momentus claimed was designed to move a satellite into custom orbit after launch. In fact, that 2019 test failed to meet Momentus's own public and internal pre-launch criteria for success, and was conducted on a prototype that was not designed to generate commercially significant amounts of thrust.

 5. Second, Kokorich and Momentus concealed and made false statements about U.S. government concerns with national sec ... [2]

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facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

I. March 8, 2021 Amended Registration Statement

279. On March 8, 2021, SRAC filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The amended registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

280. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this amended registration statement regarding Momentus's technology, financial projections, and SRAC's due diligence were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions regarding these subjects as contained in the previously published versions of the registration statement as detailed in Section VIII.D, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.D and V.

281. In addition, the amended registration statement disclosed regarding Defendant Kokorich's resignation:

On January 21, 2021, Momentus became aware of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD") stating Momentus posed a risk to national security as a result of the foreign ownership and control of Momentus by Mikhail Kokorich and Lev Khasis and their associated entities, as well as concerns regarding disclosures

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relating to such matters made by Stable Road in its SEC filings in connection with the Business Combination. In an effort to expedite the resolution of these U.S. Government concerns, on January 23, 2021, Mr. Kokorich resigned as Momentus' Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Momentus.

282. The amended registration statement described Kokorich's relinquishment of voting rights in his Momentus stock as part of efforts to overcome the U.S. government's national security concerns:

As contemplated by the CFIUS notice, on March 1, 2021, each of (i) Mr. Kokorich (and Nortrone Finance S.A. ("Nortrone"), which is wholly owned and controlled by Mr. Kokorich and his wife (collectively, the "Kokorich Parties")), and (ii) Brainyspace LLC ("Brainyspace") (the beneficial owner of which is Olga Khasis, a U.S. citizen and wife of Lev Khasis, a co-founder and former director of Momentus who is a legal permanent U.S. resident and also a Russian citizen), relinquished their ability to direct the voting of any shares in Momentus through the implementation of trust structures and certain voting arrangements.

283. The amended registration statement disclosed that Kokorich planned to remain a shareholder of Momentus for several years, stating "The Kokorich Parties and Brainyspace have agreed with Momentus that they will fully divest their shares by March 1, 2024, or as required by CFIUS."

284. The amended registration statement discussed Momentus's planned launch schedule, stating "Vigoride's first two commercial missions are planned to launch in June 2021, followed by a mission in August 2021 and three additional missions in December 2021."

285. The statements in ¶281-84 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the

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federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

286. In addition, the statements of SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants in ¶281-84 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

J. April 7, 2021 Preliminary Proxy Statement And Updated Investor <u>Presentation</u>

287. On April 7, 2021, SRAC filed with the SEC a current report on Form 8-K, signed by Defendant Kabot, which contained as an exhibit an updated version of the investor presentations previously published by SRAC and Momentus. Also on April 7, 2021, SRAC filed with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement on Form 14A, signed by Defendant Kabot, to postpone its May 13, 2021 deal deadline.

288. The false and misleading statements and omissions relating to Momentus's technology that were contained in the updated investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions on that subject contained in the previously published investor presentations as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

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289. The preliminary proxy statement stated regarding Momentus's efforts to resolve regulatory concerns, "Momentus has undertaken several important actions in an effort to further accelerate the resolution of these concerns," including "The entry into trust structures and certain voting arrangements providing for the complete relinquishment of the ability to direct the voting of shares of Momentus by Mr. Kokorich and Mr. Khasis and/or their associated entities," and "Arrangements providing for the complete divestment of shares of Momentus by Mr. Kokorich and Mr. Khasis and/or their associated entities by March 1, 2024 or as required by CFIUS."

290. The preliminary proxy statement stated, "Momentus' first launch of customer payloads is currently anticipated to occur in June 2021 on a SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket," and further stated that "Momentus still plans to build and launch six Momentus vehicles in 2021 in three launches."

291. The investor presentation likewise contained a timeline forecasting Momentus's launch of six Momentus vehicles in 2021 in three launches.

292. The statements in \$\\$\\$\\$\\$289-91 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.A, *supra*, regarding national security risks pertaining to Defendant Kokorich. These undisclosed adverse facts made it highly likely that the federal government would significantly restrict Momentus's operations so long as Kokorich remained a shareholder, and likewise made it highly unlikely that the federal government would grant Momentus the approvals necessary to achieve its advertised launch schedule.

293. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶289-91 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to

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disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks, their statements regarding the effect of his resignation, Momentus's planned launch schedule, and Momentus's regulatory risks lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

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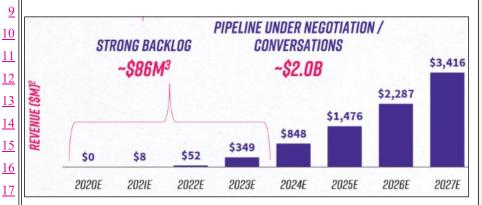
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294. The investor presentation contained the following revenue projections:



295. The investor presentation repeated these revenue projections under the heading "Clear Path to Profitability and >\$1B in EBITDA."

296. The investor presentation contained a slide titled "Significant Customer Traction and Expected Demand," which stated "Current Backlog of Potential Revenue ~86M."

297. The statements in ¶294-96 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C., *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial

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projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

298. In addition, the statements of SRAC and Defendant Kabot in ¶294-96 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D., *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC and Defendant Kabot had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, their statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

K. May 4-5, 2021 Updated Investor Presentation

299. On May 4, 2021 representatives of SRAC and Momentus (including Defendants Kabot and Harms, in addition to Momentus's Chief Technology Officer Rob Schwarz) participated in a live broadcast interview with IPO Edge. The interview was accompanied by a modified version of Momentus's investor presentation. On May 5, 2021 SRAC publicly filed a transcript of this interview with the SEC on Form 425, along with a copy of the accompanying investor presentation.

300. The false and misleading statements and omissions relating to Momentus's technology that were contained in the investor presentation were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions on that subject contained in previously published investor presentations, as detailed in Section VIII.B, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.B and V.

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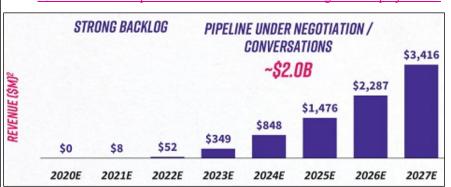
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302. The statements in ¶301 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.C, *supra*, regarding financial projections. The undisclosed adverse facts regarding Kokorich's national security risks and Momentus's failed in space test made the assumptions underlying the financial projections and related metrics unreasonable, and made it highly unlikely that these projections and related metrics would be achieved.

303. In addition, the statements of SRAC in ¶301 were materially false and/or misleading when made and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading, because they failed to disclose, among other things, the adverse facts detailed in Section V.D, *supra*, regarding SRAC's failure to perform adequate due diligence on Momentus. Because SRAC had not performed adequate due diligence on Kokorich's national security risks or the El Camino Real mission, its statements regarding financial projections and related metrics for Momentus, which depended on key assumptions regarding Momentus's launch schedule and technology, lacked any reasonable basis and so were materially misleading.

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L. June 29, 2021 Amended Registration Statement

304. On June 29, 2021, SRAC filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4/A with the SEC seeking shareholder approval of the merger. The amended registration statement was signed by Defendant Kabot and Defendant Norris, and by Defendant Kabot as attorney-in-fact for each member of SRAC's board of directors including Defendant Hofmockel. The amended registration statement incorporated information about Momentus that was supplied to SRAC by Momentus and the Momentus Individual Defendants.

305. The false and misleading statements and omissions contained in this amended registration statement regarding SRAC's due diligence were identical or substantially similar to the false and misleading statements and omissions regarding these subjects as contained in the previously published versions of the registration statement as detailed in Section VIII.D, *supra*, and were false and misleading for the same reasons detailed Sections VIII.D and V.

IX. ADDITIONAL SCIENTER ALLEGATIONS

306. As alleged herein, <u>Defendants</u> acted with scienter <u>since Defendants</u> knew that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the <u>names</u> of <u>SRAC</u> and Momentus were materially false and/<u>or</u> misleading; knew that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such statements or documents as primary violations of the federal securities laws.

307. As alleged herein, the Individual Defendants, by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding SRAC and Momentus, their control over, and/or receipt and/or modification of SRAC's and Momentus's allegedly materially misleading misstatements and/or their associations with SRAC and Momentus, which made them privy to confidential proprietary information

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Formatted: Header Mr. Quiroga, representatives of Evercore and members of Momentus management, including Philip Hoover-Smoot (Associate General Counsel and Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer), had another due diligence teleconference to discuss Momentus' commercial contracts and related topics. On August 26, 2020, Mr. 4 Kabot, Mr. Quiroga and representatives of Evercore had a teleconference to discuss the due diligence calls SRAC had with Momentus." <u>6</u> 7 "On August 26, 2020, Mr. Kabot, Mr. Quiroga and Mr. Kokorich had a meeting to discuss certain details of the proposed business combination, 9 including hiring Jikun Kim as the chief financial officer of Momentus, the process for drafting and negotiating definitive documentation, the PIPE Investment, the 10 management equity incentive plan for the Combined Company including the <u>11</u> proposed CEO Option Grant, diligence and the composition of the board of directors 13 following the closing." (d) "On September 2, 2020, the SRAC board of directors had a call 14 <u>15</u> to discuss the potential business combination. During this call, Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga provided the other directors an update on progress with respect to diligence, <u> 16</u> definitive documentation and the potential PIPE investment." <u>18</u> (e) "On September 10, 2020, Mr. Quiroga and representatives of Evercore had a teleconference with representatives of Stellar Solutions to discuss <u> 19</u> 20 SRAC's engagement of Stellar Solutions to assist in technical diligence of Momentus." <u>21</u> (f) "On September 18, 2020, Messrs. Quiroga, Hofmockel and representatives of K&E, RSM US LLP ('RSM') and Stellar Solutions had a <u>23</u> <u>24</u> teleconference to provide updates on the due diligence process and their diligence findings to date." (g) "On September 21, 2020, the SRAC board of directors had a call <u> 26</u> to discuss progress in the initial business combination. Mr. Kabot and Mr. Quiroga provided a detailed update to the board regarding progress on the PIPE investment, Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT

Formatted: Header the negotiation of the merger agreement and other transaction documents and SRAC's due diligence findings to date." <u>3</u> (h) "On September 25, 2020, Messrs. Kabot, Quiroga, Hofmockel and Ms. Harms had a call to discuss certain areas of business due diligence, <u>4</u> including customer contracts, backlog and deal pipeline." <u>5</u> <u>6</u> 311. During and leading up to the Class Period SRAC was an extremely small organization. SRAC had three officers (Defendants Kabot, Norris and Quiroga) and no full time employees. This allowed the SRAC Individual Defendants 8 9 to have in-depth knowledge of all aspects of SRAC's operations. 10 312. Prior to the Business Combination, SRAC had no business operations of its own, and its sole purpose was to enter into a merger. Therefore, the business <u>11</u> combination with Momentus was SRAC's core, and indeed only, operation, which gives rise to a strong inference of the SRAC Individual Defendants' scienter with 13 respect to issues relating to Momentus. <u>14</u> <u>15</u> 313. The SRAC Individual Defendants possessed strong personal financial motives to complete the merger between SRAC and Momentus, and therefore to <u> 16</u> cover up problems with SRAC's due diligence and problems at Momentus, and to misleadingly tout the merger and inflate Momentus's apparent future prospects. For <u>18</u> example, as of December 11, 2020, the Sponsor and its affiliate owned SRAC stock <u> 19</u> and warrants with an aggregate market value of approximately \$80.9 million, which would be rendered worthless if the merger was not approved. These securities were <u>21</u> reported as beneficially owned by Defendants Quiroga and Kabot, and each of the <u>23</u> SRAC Individual Defendants were directly or indirectly a member of the Sponsor. As the directors and/or officers of SRAC the SRAC Individual Defendants had ample opportunity to control SRAC's public statements regarding the proposed <u> 26</u> merger. <u>27</u> 314. That the SRAC Individual Defendants do not appear to have sold SRAC securities during the Class Period does not negate a strong inference of their Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT

scienter. It is a customary condition of SPAC mergers, necessary to market the SPAC to prospective investors, that the SPAC's directors, officers, and substantial shareholders must enter into lock-up agreements whereby they agree not to sell SPAC securities until a given amount of time has passed from the completion of a merger with a target company. SRAC's Sponsor and SRAC's executive officers and directors, including the SRAC Individual Defendants, entered into such a lock-up agreement with SRAC in which they agreed not to sell SRAC securities until six months after the closing of SRAC's merger with a target company. SRAC's merger with Momentus was not completed until on or about August 12, 2021, well after the truth had been revealed about SRAC and Momentus and the artificial inflation had been removed from SRAC's security prices. Therefore, due to the federal government's intervention to reveal the truth to investors and due to the SRAC Individual Defendants' lock-up agreement, the SRAC Individual Defendants did not have the opportunity to sell SRAC securities at an artificial profit. That the federal government intervened to foil the SRAC Individual Defendants' fraudulent scheme before it came to fruition does not negate a strong inference of their scienter. 315. The scienter of the SRAC Individual Defendants is imputable to SRAC

315. The scienter of the SRAC Individual Defendants is imputable to SRAC because they were directors and/or officers of SRAC acting within the scope of their authority.

316. The misrepresentations and omissions of SRAC as alleged herein are of such a nature that they would have been approved by corporate officials sufficiently knowledgeable about SRAC to know that those statements and omissions were misleading.

B. Momentus And The Momentus Individual Defendants Knew Or Recklessly Disregarded The Falsity Of Their Statements

317. The positions of the Momentus Individual Defendants give rise to a strong inference of their scienter with respect to issues relating to the proposed merger, Momentus's technology, Momentus's national security risks, and

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Formatted: Header Momentus's financial projections. Defendant Kokorich was Momentus's CEO. Defendant Harms was Momentus's Chief Revenue Officer, and later interim CEO. <u>3</u> Defendant Kennedy was Momentus's President. <u>4</u> 318. The Momentus Individual Defendants repeatedly held themselves out as knowledgeable regarding the operational details of Momentus and the subject matter of the various misrepresentations and omissions alleged herein, which gives <u>6</u> 7 rise to a strong inference of their scienter. 319. As alleged herein, some or all of the Momentus Individual Defendants 8 9 were directly involved in issues relating to Momentus's 2019 in space test, national security risks, and financial projections, and so knew first-hand the falsity of 10 <u>Defendants' related statements to investors.</u> <u>11</u> 320. Defendant Kokorich was directly and substantially involved in <u>12</u> 13 preparing and disseminating to investors false information about Momentus as alleged herein. Defendant Kokorich knew that information he provided to SRAC <u>14</u> 15 and its representatives would be repeated to investors in connection with the proposed merger. As revealed by the SEC Order and the SEC Complaint: <u> 16</u> 17 (a) Prior to the execution of the merger agreement, Momentus and Defendant Kokorich told SRAC and Defendant Kabot that the El Camino Real <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> mission was a success, but did not inform them of any internal concerns or shortcomings with the in-space test. Defendant Kokorich and Momentus never shared with SRAC and Defendant Kabot material internal analyses about the El <u>21</u> Camino Real mission's failure. <u>23</u> (b) Defendant Kokorich told Defendant Kabot prior to signing the <u>24</u> merger agreement that he had a strong case for political asylum, and that he also had a second path to U.S. citizenship if for any reason the asylum application was not <u> 26</u> granted. Defendant Kokorich did not tell Defendant Kabot that the USCIS had previously issued a referral notice saying that it had not granted his asylum <u>28</u> Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment

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application, and that it had referred his case to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings.

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(c) Defendant Kokorich assured Defendant Kabot that the CFIUS divestiture order regarding his other space technology company was closed, and that it was a different situation from his Momentus ownership. Defendant Kokorich asserted that the issues CFIUS raised in the prior matter had to do with other investors, not specifically him.

(d) Defendant Kokorich participated in the preparation of the November and December 2020 S-4 registration statements, and specifically the subsections of the S-4 statements that described or contained information about Momentus. In his role as CEO, Defendant Kokorich generally reviewed and approved Momentus's portion of the registration statements. Defendant Kokorich also helped to draft what he described as the technology and business or market strategy sections of the S-4 statements. Each registration statement contained a subsection titled, "Information about Momentus," that Momentus drafted. Defendant Kokorich reviewed and approved these subsections before they were provided to SRAC for inclusion in the registration statement. Momentus also drafted the "Risk Factors" subsection and provided it to Stable Road for inclusion in the registration statement. Defendant Kokorich reviewed and did not correct the "Risk Factors" subsection.

321. During and leading up to the Class Period Momentus was a small organization. As of November 2, 2020 Momentus had only 82 employees, which allowed the Momentus Individual Defendants to have in-depth knowledge of all aspects of Momentus's operations.

322. At all relevant times the business of Momentus has centered on its water plasma propulsion technology. Therefore, matters relating to Momentus's water plasma technology such as whether it had been successfully tested in space,

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were core operations for Momentus, and give rise to a strong inference of the scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants with respect to these issues.

323. At all relevant times, Momentus required regulatory approvals to conduct its planned operations, and operated exclusively in the heavily regulated space industry, which industry is highly sensitive with respect to national security. At all relevant times up until his abrupt resignation in January 2021, Defendant Kokorich was the key person behind Momentus, as its co-founder, CEO and leader. Therefore, matters relating to Defendant Kokorich's national security issues and Momentus's regulatory approvals were core operations for Momentus, and give rise to a strong inference of the scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants with respect to these issues.

324. The Momentus Individual Defendants possessed strong personal financial motives to complete the merger between SRAC and Momentus, and therefore to cover up problems with SRAC's due diligence and problems at Momentus, and misleadingly tout the merger and inflate Momentus's apparent future prospects. For example, leading up to the proposed merger Momentus had no revenue, was losing money at a rapid rate, and needed substantial investment capital to survive and continue to pay compensation to the Momentus Individual Defendants. In addition, Defendant Kokorich and Defendant Harms had substantial ownership interests in Momentus that would become much more valuable and liquid upon completion of a merger with SRAC. As of November 2, 2020 SRAC disclosed that, as a result of their ownership of Momentus securities, Defendant Kokorich was expected to beneficially own 19.3 million shares (approximately 14% of the total outstanding) and Defendant Harms was expected to beneficially own over 100,000 shares of the combined company after the closing of the merger. As the directors and/or officers of Momentus the Momentus Individual Defendants had ample opportunity to control Momentus's public statements regarding the proposed merger.

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Formatted: Header 325. That the Momentus Individual Defendants do not appear to have sold SRAC securities during the Class Period does not negate a strong inference of their <u>3</u> scienter, because the Momentus Individual Defendants did not own SRAC securities during the Class Period. Rather, the Momentus Individual Defendants' motives as 4 <u>5</u> alleged herein pertained to inducing SRAC and its investors to complete a merger with Momentus. SRAC's merger with Momentus was not completed until on or <u>6</u> about August 12, 2021, well after the truth had been revealed about SRAC and Momentus and the artificial inflation had been removed from SRAC's security 8 prices. Therefore, due to the federal government's intervention to reveal the truth to 10 investors and due to the Momentus Individual Defendants' lack of prior ownership of SRAC securities, the Momentus Individual Defendants did not have the <u>11</u> opportunity to sell SRAC securities at an artificial profit. That the federal government intervened to foil the Momentus Individual Defendants' fraudulent 13 scheme before it came to fruition does not negate a strong inference of their scienter. <u>14</u> <u>15</u> 326. As alleged above, Defendant Kokorich was personally involved in the fraud alleged herein. Kokorich co-founded Momentus in 2017 and served as its <u> 16</u> CEO and director. Kokorich abruptly resigned from Momentus and fled to Switzerland in January 2021 amid increasing governmental scrutiny of national <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> security concerns relating to him, and amid the resulting delays in Momentus's heavily touted launch schedule, which scrutiny and delays represented the materialization of risks that Defendants had concealed from investors. As such, <u>21</u> Kokorich's departure closely following the materialization of these risks is strongly <u>23</u> indicative of his and Momentus's scienter. <u>24</u> 327. The scienter of the Momentus Individual Defendants is imputable to 25 Momentus because they were directors and/or officers of Momentus acting within <u> 26</u> the scope of their authority. <u>27</u> 328. The misrepresentations and omissions of Momentus as alleged herein are of such a nature that they would have been approved by corporate officials Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT

Formatted: Header sufficiently knowledgeable about Momentus to know that those statements and omissions were misleading. LOSS CAUSATION <u>3</u> Formatted: All caps Formatted: Level 1, Space After: 12 pt, Line spacing: 4 329. Defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged herein, directly and proximately caused the economic loss suffered by Plaintiff and the Class. <u>5</u> <u>6</u> 330. Throughout the Class Period, as detailed herein, Defendants made materially false and/or misleading statements and/or omissions. This course of wrongful conduct caused the price of SRAC securities to be artificially inflated. But 8 9 for Defendants' misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class would not have purchased SRAC securities or would not have 10 purchased such securities at artificially inflated prices. Later, when Defendants' <u>11</u> prior misrepresentations and/or omissions were disclosed to the market, the price of SRAC securities fell significantly as the prior artificial price inflation was 13 dissipated. As a result of their purchases and/or acquisition of SRAC securities <u>14</u> during the Class Period, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered economic 15 loss, i.e. damages, under the Exchange Act. The timing and magnitude of the <u> 16</u> decline in the prices of SRAC's securities negates any inference that the economic losses and damages suffered by Plaintiff and other members of the Class were <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> caused by changed market conditions, macroeconomic factors, or company-specific facts unrelated to Defendants' wrongful conduct. 20 <u>21</u> 331. As detailed in Section VII, supra, the truth regarding SRAC and Momentus was revealed to the market and/or the previously concealed risks materialized through a series of partial disclosures, which removed the artificial <u>24</u> inflation in SRAC securities prices and caused economic loss to Plaintiff and the 25 Class. XI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS <u> 26</u> <u>27</u> 332. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a class, consisting of all persons and Formatted: _Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 91

Formatted: Header entities that purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC securities between October 7, 2020 and July 13, 2021, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"), seeking to recover compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the 4 Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of SRAC and Momentus, at all relevant <u>6</u> times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling 8 9 interest. 10 333. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members Moved (insertion) [3] is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, SRAC's shares actively traded on <u>11</u> the Nasdaq Capital Market. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, 13 Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundreds or thousands of members in the <u>14</u> proposed Class. Millions of SRAC shares were traded publicly during the Class 15 Period. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from <u> 16</u> records maintained by SRAC or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily <u>18</u> <u> 19</u> used in securities class actions. 20 334. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct <u>21</u> in violation of federal law that is complained of herein. <u>23</u> 335. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members Moved (insertion) [4] <u>24</u> of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation. <u> 26</u> Moved (insertion) [5] 336. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are: Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 92

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(a) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged herein;

- (b) whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class Period omitted and/or misrepresented material facts about the business, operations, and prospects of SRAC and Momentus;
- (c) whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and misleading SEC filings and public statements during the Class Period;
- (d) whether the prices of SRAC's securities during the Class Period were artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of herein; and
- (e) whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the proper measure of damages.

337. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation makes it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

XII. APPLICABILITY OF PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE (FRAUD ON THE MARKET DOCTRINE)

338. The market for SRAC's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at all relevant times. As a result of the materially false and/or misleading statements and/or failures to disclose, SRAC's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period. Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired SRAC's securities relying upon the integrity of the market price of SRAC's securities and market information relating to SRAC, and have been damaged thereby.

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Stable Road securities declined significantly as the prior artificial inflation came out of the price of Stable Road securities.

34. By concealing from investors the adverse facts detailed herein, defendants presented a misleading picture of Stable Road's du diligence activities and Momentus's business, prospects and operations. Defendants' false and misleading statements had the

intended effect and caused Stable Road securities to trade at a ratificially inflated levels throughout the Class Period, reaching as high as \$29.18 per share of Class A common stock on February 10, 2021. Following the adverse revelations detailed herein, the price Stable Road Class A common stock fell to a low of just \$10.58 per share on July 14, 2021 – nearly 64% below the Class Period high. As a result of their purchases of Stable Road securities at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period, plaintiff and the other Class members suffered economic loss, i.e., damages, under the federal

35. When the truth about the Company was revealed to the market, the price of Stable Road securities fell significantly. The decline removed the inflation from the price of Stable Road securities, causing real economic loss to investors who had purchased Stable Road securities during the Class Period. The decline in the price of Stable Road securities when the corrective disclosure came to light was a direct result of the nature and extent of defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations being revealed to investors and the market. The timing and magnitude of the price decline in Stable Road securities negate any inference that the loss suffered by plaintiff and the other Class members was caused by changed market conditions, macroeconomic or industry factors, or Company-specific facts unrelated to defendants' fraudulent conduct.

36. The economic loss, i.e., damages, suffered by plaintiff and the other Class members was a direct result of defendants' fraudulent scheme to artificially inflate the price of Stable Road securities and the subsequent significant decline in the value of Stable Road securities when defendants' prior misrepresentations and other fraudulent conduct were revealed.

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at artificially inflated prices, and Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to a presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.

343. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to the presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128 (1972), as Defendants omitted material information in their Class Period statements in violation of a duty to disclose such information, as detailed above. The Class's claims are, in large part, grounded on Defendants' material omissions. Because this action involves Defendants' failure to disclose material adverse information regarding SRAC's and Momentus's business operations and financial prospects—information that Defendants were obligated to disclose—positive proof of reliance is not a prerequisite to recovery. All that is necessary is that the facts withheld be material in the sense that a reasonable investor might have considered them important in making investment decisions. Given the importance of the Class Period material misstatements and omissions set forth above, that requirement is satisfied here

XIII. NO SAFE HARBOR

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344. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint. The statements alleged to be false and misleading herein all relate to then-existing facts and conditions. In addition, to the extent certain of the statements alleged to be false may be characterized as forward looking, they were not identified as "forward-looking statements" when made and there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements. In the alternative, to the extent that the statutory safe harbor is determined to apply to any forward-looking statements pleaded herein, Defendants are liable for those false forward-looking statements because at the time each of those forward-looking statements was made, the speaker had actual knowledge that

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the forward-looking statement was materially false or misleading, and/or the forward-looking statement was authorized or approved by an executive officer of SRAC and/or Momentus who knew that the statement was false when made.

XIV. CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

Violation Of Section 10(b) Of The Exchange Act And
Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder
Against Defendants Momentus, SRAC, Kokorich,
Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, And Hofmockel

345. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

346. During the Class Period Defendants Momentus, SRAC, Kokorich, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, and Hofmockel (the "Count I Defendants") made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading.

347. During the Class Period, the Count I Defendants carried out a plan, scheme and course of conduct which was intended to and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; and (ii) cause Plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase SRAC's securities at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, the Count I Defendants, and each the Count I Defendant, took the actions set forth herein.

348. The Count I Defendants (i) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and (iii) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of SRAC's securities in an effort to maintain artificially high market prices for SRAC's securities in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and

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Rule 10b-5. All the Count I Defendants are sued either as primary participants in the wrongful and illegal conduct charged herein or as controlling persons as alleged below.

349. The Count I Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use, means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the mails, engaged and participated in a continuous course of conduct to conceal adverse material information about SRAC's and Momentus's financial well-being and prospects, as specified herein.

350. The Count I Defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, while in possession of material adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices, and a course of conduct as alleged herein in an effort to assure investors of SRAC's and Momentus's value and performance, which included the making of, or the participation in the making of, untrue statements of material facts and/or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made about SRAC, Momentus, and their business operations and future prospects in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, as set forth more particularly herein, and engaged in transactions, practices and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of SRAC's securities during the Class Period.

351. For each of Defendants Kokorich, Kennedy, Kabot, Norris, and Hofmockel, primary liability and controlling person liability arise from the following facts: (i) these Defendants were high-level executives and/or directors at SRAC or Momentus during the Class Period and members of SRAC's or Momentus's management team or had control thereof; (ii) each of these Defendants, by virtue of their responsibilities and activities as a senior officer and/or director of SRAC or Momentus, was privy to and participated in the creation, development and reporting of SRAC's and/or Momentus's internal budgets, plans, projections and/or reports; (iii) each of these Defendants enjoyed significant personal contact and

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Formatted: Header members of the Class acquired SRAC's securities during the Class Period at artificially high prices and were damaged thereby. <u>3</u> 354. At the time of said misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and Formatted: 2.0sp 0.5", Indent: Left: 0", First line: 0.5", Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.75" + Indent at: 1" other members of the Class were ignorant of their falsity, and believed them to be 4 true. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class and the marketplace known the truth regarding the problems that SRAC and Momentus were experiencing, <u>6</u> which were not disclosed by Defendants, Plaintiff and other members of the Class Deleted: Stable Road would not have purchased or otherwise acquired their SRAC securities, or, if they Deleted: at the prices they paid, or at all had acquired such securities during the Class Period, they would not have done so at Deleted: been aware that the market prices had been the artificially inflated prices which they paid. Deleted: and falsely 10 Deleted: by defendants' misleading statements 355. By virtue of the foregoing, the Count I Defendants violated Section 11 Deleted: 50. 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. 13 356. As a direct and proximate result of the Count I Defendants' wrongful Formatted: _2.0sp 0.5", Indent: Left: 0", First line: 0.5", Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.75" + Indent at: 1" conduct, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in <u>14</u> Deleted: defendants' connection with their respective purchases and sales of SRAC's securities during the Deleted: plaintiff Deleted: Stable Road Class Period. <u> 16</u> Deleted: I COUNT II 17 Formatted: Underline <u>18</u> Formatted: Underline Violation Of Section 10(b) Of The Exchange Act Formatted: _Hdg Center Bold, Indent: Hanging: 0.5", Don't And Rule 10b-5(a) And (c) Promulgated Thereunder <u> 19</u> add space between paragraphs of the same style Against Defendants Momentus, Kokorich, Harms, And Kennedy Deleted: For 20 357. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained Moved (insertion) [8] 21 above as if fully set forth herein. 358. This Count is asserted against Defendants Momentus, Kokorich, <u>23</u> Harms, and Kennedy (the "Count II Defendants"), and is based upon Section 10(b) <u>24</u> Deleted: § of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) promulgated thereunder by the SEC. <u> 26</u> 359. The Count II Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act <u>27</u> and Rule 10b-5(a) and (c) in that they: 28 Formatted: Pld Footer Adjustment AMENDED COMPLAINT 99

(a) employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud; and/or

(b) engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon Plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of SRAC securities during the Class Period.

360. The Count II Defendants' wrongdoing under this count includes, *inter alia*, failing to disclose to SRAC the information outlined in Sections V.A-C, *supra*, regarding national security risks, untested technology, and unsupported financial projections. The failure to disclose this information constituted a deceptive act independent of the dissemination of the false statements to the public, but without which the scheme to defraud could not have been effectuated. Without the Count II Defendants' failure to disclose this information the false representations would never have been made public.

361. The Count II Defendants' wrongdoing also includes the preparation of financial data (including revenue data) and other information to be included in SRAC's offering materials and investor presentations. The Count II Defendants' preparation of these materials also constituted a deceptive act independent of the dissemination of the false statements to the public, but without which the scheme to defraud could not have been effectuated. Without the false and misleading financial data, slides, narrative information and other materials provided by the Count II Defendants to SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants, SRAC and the SRAC Individual Defendants would not have been able to deceive SRAC's public investors.

362. The Count II Defendants acted with scienter in that they knew (or deliberately disregarded or were deliberately reckless in disregarding) that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of SRAC, as described above, were materially false and/or misleading; knew (or deliberately disregarded or were deliberately reckless in disregarding) that assumptions that Momentus would not be affected by national security risks, and that its technology

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market price of SRAC securities had been artificially and falsely inflated by Defendants, they would not have purchased SRAC's securities at the artificially

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inflated prices that they did, or at all.

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367. As a result of the wrongful conduct alleged herein, Plaintiff and other members of the Class have suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.

368. By reason of the foregoing, the Count II Defendants have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) promulgated thereunder and are liable to Plaintiff and the other members of the Class for substantial damages which they suffered in connection with their purchase of SRAC securities during the Class Period.

COUNT III

<u>Violation Of Section</u> 20(a) <u>Of The</u> Exchange Act <u>Against The Individual Defendants And The Sponsor</u>

<u>369.</u> Plaintiff repeats and <u>re-alleges</u> each and every allegation <u>contained</u> above as if fully set forth herein.

370. The Individual Defendants and the Sponsor acted as controlling persons of SRAC and/or Momentus within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level positions and their ownership and contractual rights, participation in, and/or awareness of SRAC and/or Momentus's operations and intimate knowledge of the false information provided by Momentus to SRAC and/or filed by SRAC with the SEC and disseminated to the investing public, the Individual Defendants and the Sponsor had the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision-making of SRAC and/or Momentus, including the content and dissemination of the various statements which Plaintiff contends are false and misleading. The Individual Defendants and the Sponsor were provided with or had unlimited access to copies of SRAC's and/or Momentus's reports, press releases, public filings, and other statements alleged by Plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause the statements to be corrected.

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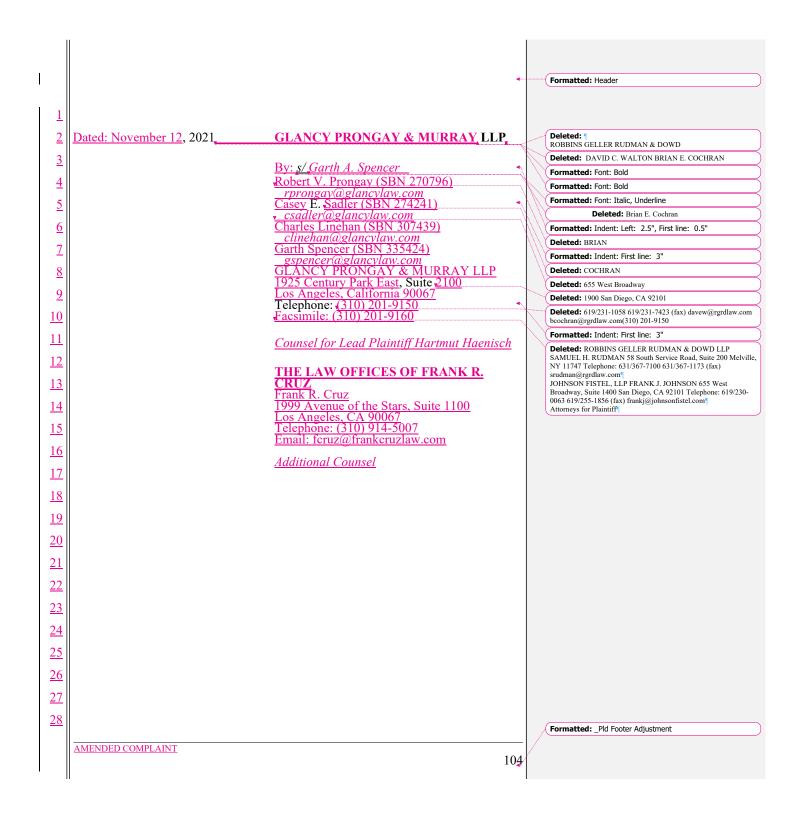
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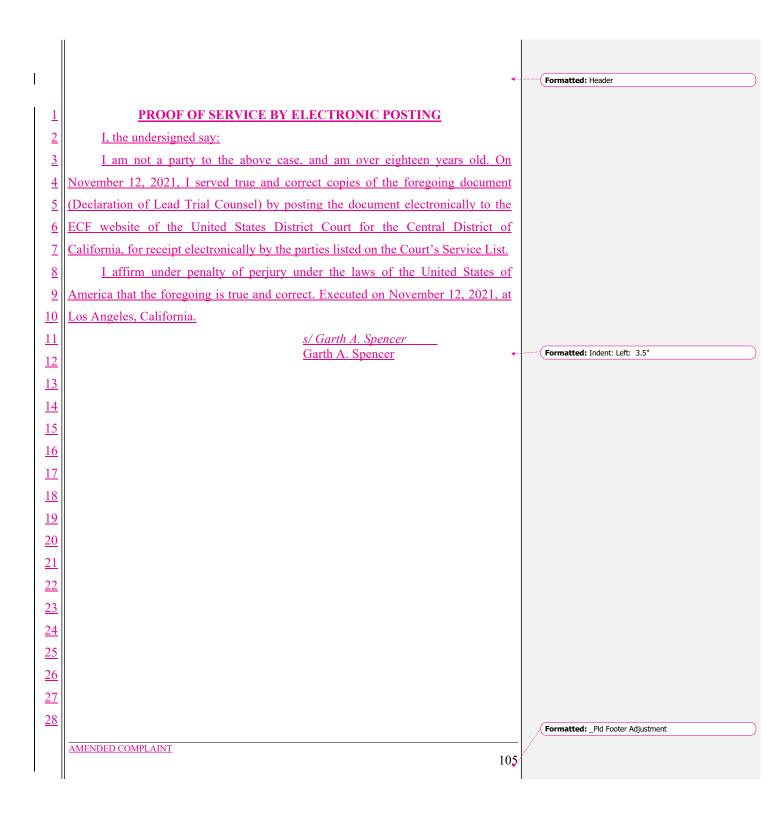
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