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The FMA warns about offers to invest in a managed investment scheme operated by Jesse Joseph Vaughan (Mr Vaughan) and former NZ company Crypto Partners Limited (CPL).

The FMA advises members of the public that Mr Vaughan, who was the sole director and shareholder of formerly-registered company CPL, offered investments in a managed investment scheme (MIS) operated by CPL without holding a MIS manger's licence, and without providing the required disclosure. In the FMA's view, this was a contravention of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (FMC Act) by Mr Vaughan and CPL.

Mr Vaughan also told his investors in a newsletter that he had applied for a MIS manager's licence and it was being reviewed by the FMA. This was not true as neither Mr Vaughan nor CPL has ever applied to the FMA for any form of market services licence.

One of the main purposes of the market services licensing regime is to require licensees to act with integrity in the best interests of investors using their services and exercise the care, diligence and skill that is expected of them. We consider that CPL and Mr Vaughan's conduct was contrary to these obligations and investors are likely to have experienced significant detriment as a result.

If you are an investor in CPL and have not received the return of your investment, or you have recently been contacted by Mr Vaughan inviting you to invest in his business, we encourage you to report the details to the FMA at Contact | Financial Markets Authority.