

# Exhibit 7

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**From:** Hayes, Jack  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** Yvette.Hollingsworth@wellsfargo.com  
**Cc:** Baratz, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Any chance you can help with a time sensitive request to speak to your chief compliance officer?  
**Attachments:** Bitfinex SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY (2).pdf

Dear Yvette,

Can we please schedule a call as soon as possible today? We want to confirm that we understand your request correctly (as below and attached) and provide further information about this matter. Thank you for your consideration. Regards,

Jack

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KGI BANK

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Swift code: FCBKTWTPXXX

Add: No. 30, Sec. 1, Chung King S. Rd.,  
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Thanks,  
Yvette

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I am following up to connect you with our CCO Yvette Hollingsworth who is copied here.

All the best-

Jimmie

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 02:06 PM Eastern Standard Time

**To:** Paschall, Jimmie

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The authority of this Special Power of Attorney to exercise the foregoing powers granted shall commence on April 2, 2017, and shall remain in force and effect until December 31, 2017.

Dated: April 2, 2017

Signed:

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Stuart Hoegner  
General Counsel  
Bitfinex and Tether