



Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SUBJECT: *Entities That May Be Conducting Banking Operations In The United States Without Authorization*

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has advised that the following entities may be conducting a banking business in the United States illegally or without authorization.

- Federal National Investment Bank  
15336 Roscoe Boulevard  
Van Nuys, CA
  - Metro Bank<sup>2</sup>  
15515 San Fernando Boulevard  
Mission Hills, CA
  - First Eastern Bank<sup>1</sup>  
Pennsylvania  
Marine Merchant Bank, Ltd.  
Turks and Caicos Islands
  - National Banc Republic of Georgia, Ltd.  
1082 Lincoln Avenue  
Willow Glen  
San Jose, CA
  - Marine Merchant International, Ltd.  
67 Wall Street  
New York, NY
  - Sovereign Nations Central Bank  
Post Office Box 250  
Wyandotte, OK
1. Checks issued by First Eastern Bank, drawn on Doha Bank Limited, New York, New York, are worthless. Doha Bank Limited has advised that no such customer relationship exists.
  2. Not associated with Metrobank (one word), headquartered in Los Angeles, a licensed bank in the State of California.

Any proposed transactions involving any of these entities should be viewed with extreme caution. Please forward any information concerning these entities to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-612, Washington, D.C. 20429.

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