Special Alert

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 Bank²
  15515 San Fernando Boulevard
  Mission Hills, CA

- First Eastern Bank¹
  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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