FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

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Offshore Shell Banks Operating in California Without Proper Registration

To All State Member Banks, Bank Holding Companies, Edge and Agreement Corporations, and Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has advised us that, on the basis of information received from the State of California Banking Department, the entities listed below are not authorized to conduct a banking business in that State.

THE FABRICATOR'S COMMON LAW BANK and/or MANUFACTURERS' TRUST¹ P.O. Box 487 Carmichael, California 95608

FIRST AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 50 Fremont Street San Francisco, California

THE ROYAL BANK OF THE CROWN KINGDOM P.O. Box 1281 Hollister, California

CREDIT SWISS BANK CORPORATION² 12021 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 374 Los Angeles, California 90025

In addition, the California Banking Department has issued a Cease and Desist Warning to the SOUTHWEST BANK AND TRUST LIMITED, 212 W. 24th Street, National City, California, an offshore shell bank registered in Majuro, Marshall Islands, relative to its conducting a banking business in the State of California without authorization. That organization does not have authority to operate in the United States.

Any transactions involving these entities should be viewed with extreme caution. Any information that comes to your attention with respect to this matter should be directed to Thomas P. McQueeney, Assistant Chief Examiner (Tel. No. 212-720-7934).

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¹This entity is not, in any manner, affiliated with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company of California, a State-chartered trust company, or with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York, N.Y.

²This entity is not, in any manner, affiliated with Credit Suisse, Zurich, Switzerland, which maintains an office in Los Angeles, California.