

Treasury Sanctions Companies Selling, Purchasing, and Enabling Iranian Petrochemical Products



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Washington – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated eight entities for their involvement in the sale and purchase of Iranian petrochemical products brokered by Triliance Petrochemical Co. Ltd. (Triliance), an entity designated by Treasury in January 2020. These entities, based in Iran, China, and Singapore, engaged in transactions facilitated by Triliance or otherwise assisted Triliance’s efforts to process and move funds generated by the sale of those petrochemical products. Iranian petrochemical sales remain a key revenue source for the Iranian regime, which is used to finance the regime’s destabilizing agenda of support to corrupt regimes and terrorist groups throughout the Middle East and, more recently, Venezuela.

“The Iranian regime benefits from a global network of entities facilitating the Iranian petrochemical sector,” said Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “The United States remains committed to targeting any revenue source the Iranian regime uses to fund terrorist groups and oppress the Iranian people.”

All eight entities are being designated pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13846.

BACKGROUND

In January 2020, OFAC sanctioned Triliance and three other petrochemical and petroleum companies that collectively transferred the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of exports from the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which provides financial support or services to Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF) and its terrorist proxies.

In September 2020, OFAC took further steps to degrade Triliance’s network, sanctioning six entities for their support to Triliance’s continued involvement in the sale of Iranian petrochemical products, including efforts by Triliance to hide or otherwise obscure its involvement in sales contracts.

Iran's petroleum and petrochemical industries are major sources of revenue for the Iranian regime and fund its malign activities throughout the Middle East. Triliance has used, and continues to use, various front companies to purchase, or facilitate the purchase and movement of, petrochemical products from Iran to foreign buyers, and some of the entities targeted today help facilitate Iran's petrochemical and petroleum exports in contravention of U.S. economic sanctions.

THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF IRANIAN PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Iranian petrochemical firms **Morvarid Petrochemical (Morvarid)** and **Arya Sasol Polymer Company (Arya Sasol)** hold a substantial presence in the Iranian petrochemicals market. **Morvarid** has used the services of Triliance to broker the sale of tens of thousands of metric tons of petrochemicals, valued at tens of millions of dollars, to foreign buyers. Likewise, since 2019, Triliance has brokered sales of petrochemicals valued at several million dollars from **Arya Sasol**. As a customer of **Arya Sasol**, Singapore-based **Jiaxiang Energy Holding PTE. LTD (Jiaxiang Energy)**, has purchased the equivalent of millions of dollars in petrochemicals from **Arya Sasol**, sales which were brokered by Triliance.

Meanwhile, **Morvarid**, **Arya Sasol**, Triliance, and **Jiaxiang Energy** have used multiple Chinese companies to enable and hide the sale and purchase of Iranian petrochemical products. Since 2019, **Arya Sasol** has used **Binrin Limited (Binrin)** to collect the proceeds of its foreign petrochemical sales, while **Elfo Energy Holding Limited (Elfo Energy)**, **Glory Advanced Limited (Glory Advanced)**, **Jane Shang Co. Limited (Jane Shang)**, and **Sibshur Limited (Sibshur)** have been used by Triliance to help settle, process, and transfer millions of dollars in proceeds from petrochemical product sales.

Morvarid, **Arya Sasol**, **Jiaxiang Energy**, **Elfo Energy**, **Glory Advanced**, **Jane Shang**, and **Sibshur** are being designated, pursuant to E.O. 13846, for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, Triliance. **Binrin Limited** is being designated, pursuant to E.O. 13846, for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, **Arya Sasol**.

UPDATE TO THE CURRENT SDN LISTING OF AL BILAD ISLAMIC BANK

Today, OFAC also updated the SDN listing of the Iraq-based Al Bilad Islamic Bank with additional aliases including al Atta Islamic Bank for Investment and Finance. Al Bilad Islamic Bank was designated pursuant to E.O. 13224, a counterterrorism authority, on May 15, 2018 for being owned or controlled by Aras Habib who was involved in the exploitation of Iraq's banking sector to move funds from Tehran to Hizballah. Al-Bilad Islamic Bank was used by Iran's Central Bank Governor to covertly funnel millions of dollars on behalf of the IRGC-QF to support Hizballah.

SANCTIONS IMPLICATIONS

All property and interests in property of these persons designated today subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and U.S persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. In addition, foreign financial institutions that knowingly facilitate significant transactions for, or persons that provide material or certain other support to, the persons designated today risk exposure to sanctions that could sever their access to the U.S. financial system or block their property and interests in property under U.S. jurisdiction.

[View identifying information on the entities designated today.](#)

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