Bangladesh—Export Promotion Bureau. Belarus—Ministry of Finance—Precious Metals and Gemstones Department.

Botswana—Ministry of Minerals, Green Technology and Energy Security— Diamond Hub.

Brazil—Ministry of Mines and Energy— Secretariat of Geology, Mining and Mineral Processing—National Mining Agency.

Cambodia—Ministry of Commerce.
Cameroon—Ministry of Mines—National
Permanent Secretariat for the Kimberley
Process.

Canada—Ministry of Natural Resources Canada.

Central African Republic—Ministry of Mines, Energy and Hydraulics.

China—General Administration of China
Customs; in the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region: Trade and Industry
Department (Exporting Authority),
Customs and Exercise Department
(Importing Authority).

Congo, Democratic Republic of the—Ministry of Mines—The Center of Expertise, Evaluation and Certification of Precious and Semiprecious Mineral Substances.

Congo, Republic of the—Ministry of Mines and Geology—Bureau of Expertise, Evaluation and Certification of Precious Mineral Substances.

Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—General Directorate of Customs.

Eswatini—Office of the Commissioner of Mines.

European Union—European Commission— Foreign Policy Instruments; in Belgium: Federal Public Service of Economy: in the Czech Republic: General Directorate of Customs; in Germany: Main Customs Office (Exporting Authority), General Directorate for Management VI (Importing Authority); In Ireland: the Kimberley Process and Responsible Minerals Authority—Exploration and Mining Division—Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment; in Portugal: Tributary and Customs Authority—Licensing Services Directorate; in Romania: National Authority for Consumer Protection—General Department for Precious Metals, Precious Stones and the Kimberley Process.

Gabon—Permanent Center for the Kimberley Process

Ghana—Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources—Precious Minerals Marketing Company Limited.

Guinea—Ministry of Mines and Geology. Guyana—Guyana Geology and Mines Commission.

India—The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council.

Indonesia—Ministry of Trade—Director General for Foreign Trade.

Israel—Ministry of Economy and Industry— Office of the Diamond Controller.

Japan—Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry—Agency for Natural Resources and Energy Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau.

Kazakhstan—Ministry for Investments and Development—Committee for Technical Regulation and Metrology.

Korea, Republic of (South Korea)—Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Laos—Ministry of Industry and Commerce— Department of Import and Export.

Lebanon—Ministry of Economy and Trade. Lesotho—Ministry of Mining—Department of Mines—Diamond Control Office.

Liberia—Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy.

Malaysia—Royal Malaysian Customs Department.

Mali—Ministry of Mines—Office of Expertise, Evaluation and Certification of Rough Diamonds.

Mauritius—Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection—Trade Division.

Mexico—Ministry of Economy—Directorate-General for International Trade in Goods. Namibia—Ministry of Mines and Energy— Directorate of Diamond Affairs.

New Zealand—New Zealand Customs Service.

Norway—Norwegian Customs Service. Panama—National Customs Authority. Russia—Ministry of Finance. Sierra Leone—National Minerals Agency,

National Revenue Authority.

Singapore—Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore Customs.

South Africa—South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator.

Sri Lanka—National Gem and Jewellery Authority.

Switzerland—State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.

Taipei—Ministry of Economic Affairs— Bureau of Foreign Trade—Import/Export Administration Division.

Tanzania—Ministry of Energy and Minerals—Commissioner for Minerals.

Thailand—Ministry of Commerce— Department of Foreign Trade.

Togo—Ministry of Mines and Energy—Head Office of Mines and Geology.

Turkey—Borsa Istanbul Precious Metals and Diamond Market.

Ukraine—Ministry of Finance—State Gemmological Centre of Ukraine.

United Arab Emirates—Dubai Multi Commodities Center Authority—U.A.E. Kimberley Process Office in the Dubai Airport Free Zone.

United Kingdom—Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office—Government Diamond Office.

United States of America—United States Census Bureau (Exporting Authority), United States Customs and Border Protection (Importing Authority).

Venezuela—Central Bank of Venezuela (Exporting Authority), National Customs and Tax Administration Integrated Service (Importing Authority).

Vietnam—Ministry of Industry and Trade— Import Export Management Divisions in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Zimbabwe—Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe (Exporting Authority), Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (Importing Authority).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11296]

Updating the State Department's List of Entities and Subentities Associated With Cuba (Cuba Restricted List)
Updated Publication of List of Entities and Subentities; Notice

SUMMARY: The Department of State is publishing an update to its List of Restricted Entities and Subentities Associated With Cuba (Cuba Restricted List) with which direct financial transactions are generally prohibited under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR). The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) generally will deny applications to export or reexport items for use by entities or subentities on the Cuba Restricted List.

DATES: Effective on January 8, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 16, 2017, the President signed National Security Presidential Memorandum-5 on Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba (NSPM-5). As directed by NSPM-5, on November 9, 2017, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published a final rule in the Federal Register amending the CACR, 31 CFR part 515, and the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a final rule in the Federal Register amending, among other sections, the section of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) regarding Cuba, 15 CFR 746.2. The regulatory amendment to the CACR added § 515.209, which generally prohibits direct financial transactions with certain entities and subentities identified on the State Department's Cuba Restricted List. The regulatory amendment to 15 CFR 746.2 notes BIS will generally deny applications to export or re-export items for use by entities or subentities identified on the Cuba Restricted List. The State Department is now updating the Cuba Restricted list, as published below and available on the State Department's website (https:// www.state.gov/cuba-sanctions/cubarestricted-list/)

This update includes one additional subentity. This is the eighth update to

the Cuba Restricted List since it was published November 9, 2017 (82 FR 52089). Previous updates were published November 15, 2018 (see 83 FR 57523), March 9, 2019 (see 84 FR 8939), April 24, 2019 (see 84 FR 17228), July 26, 2019 (see 84 FR 36154), November 19, 2019 (see 84 FR 63953), June 12, 2020 (see 85 FR 35972), a correction June 19, 2020 (85 FR 37146), and September 29, 2020 (85 FR 61079). The State Department will continue to update the Cuba Restricted List periodically.

The publication of the updated Cuba Restricted List further implements the directive in paragraph 3(a)(i) of NSPM—5 to the Secretary of State to identify the entities or subentities, as appropriate, that are under the control of, or act for or on behalf of, the Cuban military, intelligence, or security services or personnel, and publish a list of those identified entities and subentities with which direct financial transactions would disproportionately benefit such services or personnel at the expense of the Cuban people or private enterprise in Cuba.

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning the Cuba Restricted List are available from the Department of State's website (https://www.state.gov/cuba-sanctions/cuba-restricted-list/).

List of Restricted Entities and Subentities Associated With Cuba as of January 8, 2021

Below is the U.S. Department of State's list of entities and subentities under the control of, or acting for or on behalf of, the Cuban military, intelligence, or security services or personnel with which direct financial transactions would disproportionately benefit such services or personnel at the expense of the Cuban people or private enterprise in Cuba. For information regarding the prohibition on direct financial transactions with these entities, please see 31 CFR 515.209. All entities and subentities were listed effective November 9, 2017, unless otherwise indicated.

* * * Entities or subentities owned or controlled by another entity or subentity on this list are not treated as restricted unless also specified by name on the list. * * *

Ministries

MINFAR — Ministerio de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias MININT — Ministerio del Interior Holding Companies

CIMEX — Corporación CIMEX S.A. Compañía Turística Habaguanex S.A. GAESA — Grupo de Administración Empresarial S.A.

Gaviota — Grupo de Turismo Gaviota UIM — Unión de Industria Militar

Hotels in Havana and Old Havana

Aparthotel Montehabana

Gran Hotel Bristol Kempinski *Effective* November 15, 2019

Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski

H10 Habana Panorama

Hostal Valencia

Hotel Ambos Mundos

Hotel Armadores de Santander

Hotel Beltrán de Santa Cruz

Hotel Conde de Villanueva

Hotel del Tejadillo

Hotel el Bosque

Hotel el Comendador

Hotel el Mesón de la Flota

Hotel Florida

Hotel Habana 612

Hotel Kohly

Hotel Los Frailes

Hotel Marqués de Prado Ameno

Hotel Marqués de Cardenas de

Montehermoso Effective June 12, 2020 Hotel Palacio Cueto Effective July 26,

Hotel Palacio del Marqués de San Felipe y Santiago de Bejucal

Hotel Palacio O'Farrill

Hotel Park View

Hotel Raquel

Hotel Regis Effective June 12, 2020

Hotel San Miguel

Hotel Santa Isabel Effective April 24, 2019

Hotel Telégrafo

Hotel Terral

Iberostar Grand Packard Hotel Effective November 15, 2018

Memories Miramar Havana

Memories Miramar Montehabana

SO/Havana Paseo del Prado *Effective*

November 15, 2018

Hotels in Santiago de Cuba

Villa Gaviota Santiago

Hotels in Varadero

Blau Marina Varadero Resort

also Fiesta Americana Punta Varadero Effective November 15, 2018

also Fiesta Club Adults Only Effective March 12, 2019

Grand Aston Varadero Resort *Effective* November 15, 2019

Grand Memories Varadero

Hotel El Caney Varadero Effective April 24, 2019

Hotel Las Nubes Effective November 15,

Hotel Oasis Effective November 15, 2018 Iberostar Bella Vista Effective November 15, 2018 Iberostar Laguna Azul Iberostar Playa Alameda

Meliá Marina Varadero

Meliá Marina Varadero Apartamentos Effective April 24, 2019

Meliá Peninsula Varadero

Memories Varadero Naviti Varadero

Ocean Varadero El Patriarca

Ocean Vista Azul

Paradisus Princesa del Mar

Paradisus Varadero

Sol Sirenas Coral

Hotels in Pinar del Rio

Hotel Villa Cabo de San Antonio Hotel Villa Maria La Gorda y Centro Internacional de Buceo

Hotels in Baracoa

Hostal 1511

Hostal La Habanera

Hostal La Rusa

Hostal Rio Miel

Hotel El Castillo

Hotel Porto Santo

Villa Maguana

Hotels in Cayos de Villa Clara

Angsana Cayo Santa María Effective November 15, 2018

Dhawa Cayo Santa María

Grand Aston Cayo Las Brujas Beach Resort and Spa *Effective November*

Golden Tulip Aguas Claras *Effective* November 15, 2018

Hotel Cayo Santa María

Hotel Playa Cayo Santa María

Iberostar Ensenachos

Las Salinas Plana & Spa Effective November 15, 2018

La Salina Noreste Effective November 15, 2018

La Salina Suroeste Effective November 15, 2018

Meliá Buenavista

Meliá Cayo Santa María

Meliá Las Dunas

Memories Azul

Memories Flamenco

Memories Paraíso

Ocean Casa del Mar

Paradisus Los Cayos Effective November 15, 2018

Royalton Cayo Santa María

Sercotel Experience Cayo Santa María Effective November 15, 2018

Sol Cayo Santa María

Starfish Cayo Santa María Effective November 15, 2018

Valentín Perla Blanca Effective

November 15, 2018

Villa Las Brujas

Warwick Cayo Santa María

also Labranda Cayo Santa María Hotel

Effective November 15, 2018

Hotels in Holguín

Blau Costa Verde Beach & Resort

also Fiesta Americana Holguín Costa Verde *Effective November 15, 2018* Hotel Playa Costa Verde Hotel Playa Pesquero

Memories Holguín

Paradisus Río de Oro Resort & Spa Playa Costa Verde Playa Pesquero Premium Service Sol Rio de Luna y Mares Villa Cayo Naranjo Villa Cayo Saetia Villa Pinares de Mayari

Hotels in Jardines del Rey

Cayo Guillermo Resort Kempinski
Effective July 26, 2019
Grand Muthu Cayo Guillermo Effective
November 15, 2018
Gran Muthu Imperial Hotel Effective
November 15, 2019
Gran Muthu Rainbow Hotel Effective
November 15, 2019
Hotel Playa Coco Plus
Iberostar Playa Pilar
Meliá Jardines del Rey
Memories Caribe
Pestana Cayo Coco
also Hotel Playa Paraiso Effective June

Hotels in Topes de Collantes

Hostal Los Helechos Kurhotel Escambray *Effective November* 15, 2018 Los Helechos Villa Caburni

Tourist Agencies

12, 2020

Crucero del Sol Gaviota Tours

Marinas

Marina Gaviota Cabo de San Antonio (Pinar del Rio)

Marina Gaviota Cayo Coco (Jardines del Rey)

Marina Gaviota Las Brujas (Cayos de Villa Clara)

Marina Gaviota Puerto Vita (Holguín) Marina Gaviota Varadero (Varadero)

Stores in Old Havana

Casa del Abanico
Colección Habana
Florería Jardín Wagner
Joyería Coral Negro—Additional
locations throughout Cuba
La Casa del Regalo
San Ignacio 415
Soldadito de Plomo
Tienda El Navegante
Tienda Muñecos de Leyenda
Tienda Museo El Reloj Cuervo y
Sobrinos

Entities Directly Serving the Defense and Security Sectors

ACERPROT—Agencia de Certificación y Consultoría de Seguridad y Protección Alias Empresa de Certificación de Sistemas de Seguridad y Protección Effective November 15, 2018

AGROMIN—Grupo Empresarial Agropecuario del Ministerio del Interior

APCI—Agencia de Protección Contra Incendios

CAHOMA—Empresa Militar Industrial Comandante Ernesto Che Guevara Casa Editorial Verde Olivo *Effective July* 26, 2019

CASEG—Empresa Militar Industrial Transporte Occidente

CID NAV—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo Naval

CIDAI—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de Armamento de Infantería

CIDAO—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo del Armamento de Artillería e Instrumentos Ópticos y Ópticos Electrónicos

CORCEL—Empresa Militar Industrial Emilio Barcenas Pier

CUBAGRO—Empresa Comercializadora y Exportadora de Productos Agropecuarios y Agroindustriales

DATYS—Empresa Para El Desarrollo De Aplicaciones, Tecnologías Y Sistemas DCM TRANS—Centro de Investigación

y Desarrollo del Transporte DEGOR—Empresa Militar Industrial Desembarco Del Granma

DSE—Departamento de Seguridad del Estado

Editorial Capitán San Luis *Effective July* 26, 2019

EMIAT—Empresa Importadora Exportadora de Abastecimientos Técnicos

Empresa Militar Industrial Astilleros Astimar

Empresa Militar Industrial Astilleros Centro

Empresa Militar Industrial Yuri Gagarin ETASE—Empresa de Transporte y Aseguramiento

Ferretería TRASVAL GELCOM—Centro de Investigación y

GELCOM—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo Grito de Baire Impresos de Seguridad

MÉCATRONICS—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de Electrónica y Mecánica

NAZCA—Empresa Militar Industrial Granma

OIBS—Organización Integración para el Bienestar Social

PLAMEC—Empresa Militar Industrial Ignacio Agramonte

PNR—Policía Nacional Revolucionaria PROVARI—Empresa de Producciones Varias

SEPSA—Servicios Especializados de Protección

SERTOD—Servicios de

Telecomunicaciones a los Órganos de la Defensa *Effective November 15*, 2018 SIMPRO—Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de Simuladores

TECAL—Empresa de Tecnologías Alternativas

TECNOPRO—Empresa Militar Industrial "G.B. Francisco Cruz Bourzac"

TECNOTEX—Empresa Cubana Exportadora e Importadora de Servicios, Artículos y Productos Técnicos Especializados

TGF—Tropas de Guardafronteras UAM—Unión Agropecuaria Militar ULAEX—Unión Latinoamericana de Explosivos

XETÎD—Empresa de Tecnologías de la Información Para La Defensa

YABO—Empresa Militar Industrial Coronel Francisco Aguiar Rodríguez

Additional Subentities of CIMEX

ADESA/ASAT—Agencia Servicios Aduanales (Customs Services) American International Services (Remittances) Effective September 29, 2020

alias AIS Remesas Effective September 29, 2020

Cachito (Beverage Manufacturer) Contex (Fashion)

Datacimex

ECUSE—Empresa Cubana de Servicios FINCIMEX *Effective June 19, 2020* Inmobiliaria CIMEX (Real Estate) Inversiones CIMEX

Jupiña (Beverage Manufacturer) La Maisón (Fashion)

Najita (Beverage Manufacturer) Publicitaria Imagen (Advertising) Residencial Tarara S.A. (Real Estate/ Property Rental) Effective November

15, 2018 Ron Caney (Rum Production) Ron Varadero (Rum Production) Telecable (Satellite Television) Tropicola

(Beverage Manufacturer) Zona Especializada de Logística y Comercio (ZELCOM)

Additional Subentities of GAESA

Aerogaviota Effective April 24, 2019 Almacenes Universales (AUSA) ANTEX—Corporación Antillana Exportadora

Banco Financiero Internacional S.A. (BFI). Effective [date published in Federal Register]

Compañía Inmobiliaria Aurea S.A. Effective November 15, 2018 Dirección Integrada Proyecto Mariel

(DIP)
Empresa Inmobiliaria Almest (Real

Empresa Inmobiliaria Almest (Real Estate)

GRAFOS (Advertising) RAFIN S.A. (Financial Services) Sociedad Mercantin Inmobiliaria Caribe

(Real Estate) TECNOIMPORT Terminal de Contenedores de la Habana (TCH)

Terminal de Contenedores de Mariel, S.A.

UCM—Unión de Construcciones Militares

Zona Especial de Desarrollo Mariel (ZEDM)

Zona Especial de Desarrollo y Actividades Logísticas (ZEDAL)

≤Additional Subentities of Gaviota

AT Comercial

Centro de Buceo Varadero Effective June 12, 2020

Centro Internacional de Buceo Gaviota Las Molas *Effective June 12, 2020*

Delfinario Cayo Naranjo *Effective June* 12, 2020

Diving Center—Marina Gaviota *Effective* April 24, 2019

Gaviota Hoteles Cuba *Effective March* 12, 2019

Hoteles Habaguanex Effective March 12, 2019

Hoteles Playa Gaviota *Effective March* 12. 2019

Manzana de Gomez

Marinas Gaviota Cuba *Effective March* 12, 2019

PhotoService

Plaza La Estrella *Effective November 15,* 2018

Plaza Las Dunas Effective November 15, 2018

Plaza Las Morlas Effective November 15, 2018

Plaza Las Salinas Effective November 15, 2018

Plaza Las Terrazas del Atardecer Effective November 15, 2018

Plaza Los Flamencos Effective November 15, 2018

Plaza Pesquero Effective November 15, 2018

Producciones TRIMAGEN S.A. (Tiendas Trimagen)

Additional Subentities of Habaguanex

Sociedad Mercantil Cubana Inmobiliaria Fenix S.A. (Real Estate)

* * Activities in parentheticals are intended to aid in identification, but are only representative. All activities of listed entities and subentities are subject to the applicable prohibitions.* *

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36284]

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Rail Construction & Operation Exemption—In Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah

On May 29, 2020, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) filed a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for authorization to construct and operate an approximately 85-mile rail line connecting two termini in the Uinta Basin near South Myton Bench, Utah, and Leland Bench, Utah, to the national rail network at Kyune, Utah. The Coalition asks that the Board issue a preliminary decision addressing the transportation aspects of the project while the environmental review is ongoing.

The Board received filings both supporting and opposing the petition. Several government officials have filed in support, as discussed below. The opponents include the Center for Biological Diversity (Center), the Argyle Wilderness Preservation Alliance (Argyle), and numerous individuals. These commenters argue, among other things, that the requested preliminary decision is not appropriate, that the transportation aspects of the petition do not satisfy the section 10502 standards, and that the Board should reject the petition and require an application under section 10901.

As discussed below, the Board concludes that an application is not necessary and that the requested approach of issuing a preliminary decision on the transportation merits is appropriate here. The Board preliminarily concludes, subject to completion of the ongoing environmental review, that the proposed transaction meets the statutory standards for exemption under section 10502. This decision only addresses the transportation merits, however, and does not grant the exemption or allow construction to begin. After the Board has considered the potential environmental impacts associated with this proposal, and weighed those potential impacts with the transportation merits, it will issue a final decision either granting the exemption, with conditions, if appropriate, or denying it.

Background

The Coalition explains that it is an independent political subdivision of the State of Utah, whose member counties

include Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, San Juan, Sevier, and Uintah Counties. (Pet. 5.) It was formed to, among other things, identify and develop infrastructure projects that will promote resource utilization and development. (*Id.*) The Coalition is proposing to construct a rail line that would extend generally southwest from terminus points in the Uinta Basin to a connection with an existing rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) near Kyune, Utah (the Whitmore Park Alternative). The rail line would generally parallel U.S. Route 191 through Indian Canyon and would be located within Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties in Utah. (Id. at 8-9, 43.)

The Coalition asserts that goods produced or consumed in the Uinta Basin today can be transported only by truck and that the proposed project would give shippers an additional freight transportation option, eliminating longstanding transportation constraints. (Pet. 13-15.) The Coalition claims that adding a rail transportation option would provide local industries the opportunity to access new markets and increase their competitiveness in the national marketplace, and the removal of transportation constraints would benefit oil producers, mining companies, ranchers, farmers, and other local industries. (Id. at 15.)

The Coalition argues that regulation of the construction and operation of the proposed line under section 10901 is not needed to carry out the rail transportation policy (RTP) at 49 U.S.C. 10101, that the project would promote several provisions of the RTP, and that an application under section 10901 is not required to protect shippers from an abuse of market power. (Pet. 21-22.) As noted above, the Coalition requests that, in considering the petition, the Board follow a two-step approach, addressing the transportation aspects of the project in advance of the environmental issues. (Id. at 26-28.) 1

On July 7, 2020, the Center filed a reply ² arguing that the Coalition has failed to justify its request for a preliminary decision on the transportation merits and that the Board should reject the petition and require the Coalition to seek its authority through an application under section 10901. (Ctr. Reply 1.) On the same day, Argyle also filed a reply, likewise arguing that the Board should reject the

 $^{^{1}}$ Based on a request from Argyle, the Board extended the due date for comments on the petition for an additional 20 days to July 7, 2020.

² On July 13, 2020, the Center submitted a supplemental filing consisting of the references cited in its reply.