

V. Information Regarding Transactions That May Present National Security Considerations

CFIUS review of notified transactions is an intensive process, involving over a dozen U.S. Government agencies, departments, and offices. CFIUS reviews are limited to 30 days, absent the initiation of an investigation. Thus, it is important that, at the time of filing a voluntary notice, parties provide CFIUS with the information needed for its review, including regarding the parties' products, services, and business operations, and the transaction itself.

Section 800.402 of the Regulations, as recently amended, requires parties to include in their notice certain information that CFIUS normally requires to complete its review of any transaction. This includes, for example, a listing of certain contracts with the U.S. Government, products that the parties produce or sell, the foreign person's plans with respect to the U.S. business, and the parties and individuals involved with the transaction.

The regulations require parties to provide information regarding any other applicable national security-related regulatory authorities, such as the ITAR, EAR, and NISPOM. Some of the regulatory review processes under these authorities may have longer deadlines than the CFIUS process, and parties to transactions affected by these other reviews may wish to start or complete these processes prior to submitting a voluntary notice to CFIUS under section 721.

In CFIUS's experience, the efficiency of reviews is also enhanced when parties to transactions voluntarily provide in their notice additional information that may be relevant to the notified transaction but which is not listed in § 800.402 of the Regulations. A list of such information, which may be updated from time to time, is provided on the CFIUS Web site (<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/international-affairs/cfius/>). Examples of such information include: Information regarding whether the U.S. business develops or provides cyber systems, products, or services (including business systems used to manage or support common business processes and operations, such as enterprise resource planning, e-commerce, e-mail, and database systems; telecommunications or Internet systems; control systems used to monitor, assess, and control sensitive processes and physical functions, such as supervisory control, data acquisition, and process and distributed control systems; or

safety, security, support, and other specialty systems, such as fire, intrusion detection, access control, people mover, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems); information regarding whether the U.S. business processes natural resources and material or produces and transports energy; and information on any required regulatory reviews, on-going dealings, or outstanding issues that the parties have with other U.S. Government agencies with national security responsibilities.

Where CFIUS requires additional information to enable it to review a notified transaction, CFIUS may request such additional information of the parties. Section 800.403(a)(3) of the Regulations authorizes the Staff Chairperson to reject any voluntary notice if the parties do not provide follow-up information within three business days of the request, or within a longer time frame if the parties so request in writing and the Staff Chairperson grants that request in writing.

VI. Conclusion

CFIUS does not issue advisory opinions as to whether a covered transaction raises national security considerations. Rather, it conducts full reviews of specific covered transactions that are notified to CFIUS pursuant to § 800.401 of the Regulations. This guidance may provide assistance to parties as they consider whether to file a voluntary notice with CFIUS. Additional information is available on the CFIUS Web site, <http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/international-affairs/cfius/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of Four Individuals Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of four newly-designated individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and

Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the four individuals identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive Order 13224, is effective on November 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On September 23, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13224 (the "Order") pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706, and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, 22 U.S.C. 287c. In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to address grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. The Order imposes economic sanctions on persons who have committed, pose a significant risk of committing, or support acts of terrorism. The President identified in the Annex to the Order, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, 13 individuals and 16 entities as subject to the economic sanctions. The Order was further amended by Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, to reflect the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in or hereafter come within the United States or the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) Foreign persons listed in the Annex to the Order; (2) foreign persons determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United

States; (3) persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order; and (4) except as provided in section 5 of the Order and after such consultation, if any, with foreign authorities as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, deems appropriate in the exercise of his discretion, persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, such acts of terrorism or those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or determined to be subject to the Order or to be otherwise associated with those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order.

On November 20, 2008, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice and other relevant agencies, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsections 1(b), 1(c) or 1(d) of the Order, four individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

The designees are as follows:

1. AW-MOHAMED, Ahmed Abdi (a.k.a. ABUZUBAIR, Mukhtar Abdulrahim; a.k.a. AW MOHAMMED, Ahmed Abdi; a.k.a. "ABU ZUBEYR"; a.k.a. "GODANE"; a.k.a. "GODANI"; a.k.a. "SHAYKH MUKHTAR"); DOB 10 Jul 1977; POB Hargeysa, Somalia; nationality Somalia (individual) [SDGT]
2. ISSA, Issa Osman (a.k.a. ATTO, Abdullah; a.k.a. BUR, Abdullah; a.k.a. SUDANI, Abdala; a.k.a. "AFADEY"; a.k.a. "MUSSE"); DOB 1973; POB Malindi, Kenya; nationality Kenya (individual) [SDGT]
3. ROBOW, Mukhtar (a.k.a. ALI, Mujahid Mukhtar Robow; a.k.a. ALI, Mukhtar Abdullahi; a.k.a. ALI, Shaykh Mukhtar Robo; a.k.a. RUBU, Mukhtar Ali; a.k.a. "ABU MANSOUR"; a.k.a. "ABU MANSUR"); DOB 1969; alt. DOB 10 Oct 1969; POB Xudur, Somalia; alt. POB Keren, Eritrea; nationality Eritrea; National ID No. 1372584 (Kenya); Passport 0310857 (Eritrea) issued 21 Aug 2006 expires 20 Aug 2008; (Following data derived from an

Eritrean passport issued under the alias name of Mukhtar Abdullahi Ali: Alt. DOB: 10 October 1969; Alt. POB: Keren Eritrea; nationality: Eritrean; National ID No.: 1372584, Kenya; Passport No.: 0310857, Eritrea) (individual) [SDGT]

4. EL HABHAB, Redouane (a.k.a. "ABDELRAHMAN"), Ilitisstrasse 58, Kiel 24143, Germany; DOB 20 Dec 1969; POB Casablanca, Morocco; nationality Germany; National ID No. 1007850441 (Germany) issued 27 Mar 2001 expires 26 Mar 2011; Passport 1005552350 (Germany) issued 27 Mar 2001 expires 26 Mar 2011; currently incarcerated in Lubeck, Germany (individual) [SDGT]

Dated: November 20, 2008.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Savings and Loan Holding Company Registration Statement—H-(b)10

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 7, 2009. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room,

1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills at ira.mills@ots.treas.gov (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Savings and Loan Holding Company Registration Statement—H-(b)10.

OMB Number: 1550-0020.

Form Number: H-(b)10.

Description: The Statement is used to collect information concerning the acquisition, as well as any changes to intercompany relationships of the savings and loan holding company and its subsidiaries since submission of the holding company acquisition application.

OTS reviews the Statement for adequacy of answers to items and completeness in all material respects. In particular, OTS reviews each Statement to determine whether there has been adequate disclosure of pertinent facts. The Statement provides factual information concerning the date of consummation of transactions and the number of shares acquired whereas estimates of such information are provided in the application. In addition, a requirement is contained in the Statement concerning changes to information filed during the application process.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

65.

Estimated Number of Responses: 65.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response:

Other; Once, on becoming an S & L

holding company.

Estimated Total Burden: 520 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision,