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Circular

## Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones <u>Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing</u>

## (1) United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 17 November 2023, an updated list of "individuals, groups, undertakings and entities" was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation (Cap. 537CB) Note 1 on 6 January 2024.

A relevant press release issued by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, are available at – https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15556.doc.htm.

## (2) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 22 November 2023, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the UNSC was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance ("UNATMO") (Cap. 575) Note 1 in Gazette.

The aforesaid gazette notice can be found on the website of the Government Logistics Department at –

https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html.

## (3) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 17 August 2023, an updated list of "individuals and entities" was published on the website of the CEDB under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation (Cap. 537AE) on 6 January 2024.

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, are available at – https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15555.doc.htm.

The aforesaid lists in items (1) and (3) can be found on the website of the CEDB at <a href="https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-sanctions.html">https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-sanctions.html</a>.

Dealers in precious metals and stones are reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit. Category B registrants ("CBRs") are further reminded to refer to Chapters 6 & 7 of the "Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Category B Registrants Dealing in Precious Metals and Stones)" which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that CBRs should take to ensure compliance with the

Note 1 The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation are identical.



relevant requirements.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at 3580 1484.

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