



Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *Entities That May Be Conducting Banking Operations In the United States Without Authorization*

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has advised us that the following entities may be conducting banking business in the United States illegally or without authorization. Proposed transactions involving any of the listed entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

- Banc Merchantile, Ltd.
2607 Holman Avenue
Silver Spring, MD
- First Fidelity Brokers Bancorp
2961 Industrial Road
Las Vegas, NV
- Ivertbanki
150 East 58th Street, 33rd Floor
New York, NY
- The Hip National Bank
1645 West Hill Drive, Suite 49
Los Angeles, CA
- Union National Bank Limited
Apia, Western Samoa

Please forward any information concerning these entities to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N. W., Room F-612, Washington, D. C. 20429.

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