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550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429

Division of Supervision

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 entity may be conducting banking business in the United States illegally or without authorization. The State of Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions has issued a cease and desist order. Proposed transactions involving this entity should be viewed with extreme caution.

Al-Manaf International Merchant Bank, Inc.  
1819 Pauger Street  
New Orleans, LA

Please forward any information concerning this entity to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429.

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