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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 informed us that the following entities have acquired business licenses from the Oregon Secretary of State. However, the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, State of Oregon, has not issued banking licenses to any of the entities. Therefore, they are not authorized to conduct a banking business in the state of Oregon.

- DC International Bank, Inc.
- Knightsbridge International Bank, Inc.
- Stratford International Bank, Inc.
- US Metropolitan Bank, Inc.

The registered agent for all four entities is listed as Mr. Frederick Conway, using the following address:

818 SW 3rd Avenue, #401
Portland, Oregon 97204

Proposed transactions involving any of these entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

Please forward any information you may have about them to:

The Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, State of Oregon
350 Winter Street NE, Room 410
Salem, Oregon 97301-3881
Phone: (503) 378-4140
Fax: (503) 947-7862

NOTE: The names of these and other entities that may be operating in the United States without authorization are often intentionally selected by the "owners" to closely resemble or copy the names of legitimate institutions. Any attempt by the FDIC to provide a list of legitimate domestic and foreign financial institutions with the same or similar names would involve an extensive listing of possible matches. Therefore, if you have any doubt about the federally insured status of any bank operating in the United States, you may check the FDIC's database of insured institutions at www2.fdic.gov/structur/search/findoneinst.asp for verification. You also may contact the state financial institution regulatory agency in the state where the entity is allegedly headquartered.

Any information concerning these entities also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. For your reference, all FDIC Financial Institution Letters published since January of 1995 may be found on the FDIC's Web site at www.fdic.gov under "News, Events & FOIA."

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