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CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE FOR BANKS

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *Basel Committee on Banking Supervision Seeks Comment on Consultative Paper on Customer Due Diligence for Banks*

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel Committee) is seeking comment on its consultative paper entitled *Customer Due Diligence for Banks*, issued on January 31, 2001. The paper is part of the Basel Committee's ongoing effort to strengthen risk-management procedures in banks throughout the world. As set forth in the paper, key elements for customer due diligence policies and procedures include customer acceptance, customer identification, ongoing monitoring of high-risk accounts and risk management.

The paper is available on the Bank for International Settlements' Web site at <http://www.bis.org/publ/index.htm>. Comments must be submitted to the Basel Committee by March 31, 2001, and should be sent to the Secretariat of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, Bank for International Settlements, CH-4002, Basel, Switzerland. FDIC-supervised institutions should also send copies of their comments to the Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429.

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