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## SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SUBJECT: *Entities That May Be Conducting Banking Operations in Canada or the United States Without Authorization*

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) of Canada has published the attached issue of its "Warning Notice" (Issue No. 22), which contains the name of an entity recently brought to OSFI's attention through an inquiry or complaint. Each "Warning Notice," beginning with Issue No. 4, and OSFI's latest cumulative "Warning List" may be found at [http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index\\_e.aspx?ArticleID=166](http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index_e.aspx?ArticleID=166).

If these entities, or persons purporting to represent them, are operating in Canada, they may be violating provisions of the Bank Act (Canada) or other Canadian federal financial institution regulations. They may also be conducting unauthorized banking transactions in the United States. Any proposed transactions involving these entities should be viewed with extreme caution.

Any information about these entities may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. Information also may be forwarded electronically to [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov).

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