

includes the stations of Lowell, Belding, and Greenville.

In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, MMRR seeks an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 [offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures]. In support, MMRR states that it has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition (WMTGC) to sell the line to WMTGC for the public purpose of converting it to interim trail use/rail banking. This request will be addressed in the final decision.

MMRR states that, based on information in its possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MMRR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Petitioner believes that the proposed abandonment may generate comments and requests that the Board adopt a procedural schedule in this proceeding to permit MMRR to file rebuttal to any reply received. Rather than address the request at this time, however, the Board will instead allow petitioner to raise the matter again, if it wishes, once comments and replies in response to the petition have actually been filed. Comments and replies to the petition for exemption will be due January 11, 2008. Once comments or replies have been filed, MMRR may request leave to file rebuttal.

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by March 14, 2008, unless the Board grants the requested exemption from the OFA process.

Any OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, unless the Board grants the requested exemption from the OFA process. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 7, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied

by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 11X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 245-0230 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: December 11, 2007.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of Six Individuals Pursuant to Executive Order 13315

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of six newly designated individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, "Blocking

Property of the Former Iraqi Regime, Its Senior Officials and Their Family Members, and Taking Certain Other Actions."

DATES: The designation by the Secretary of the Treasury of the six individuals identified in this notice pursuant to Executive Order 13315 is effective on December 6, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On August 28, 2003, the President issued Executive Order 13315 (the "Order") pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, section 5 of the United Nations Participation Act, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 287c, section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and in view of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1483 of May 22, 2003. In the Order, the President expanded the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, to address the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in that country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property of the former Iraqi regime or its state bodies, corporations, or agencies, or of the following persons, that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons: persons listed in the Annex to the Order, as well as persons who are determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, (1) to be senior officials of the former Iraqi regime or their immediate family members; or (2) to be owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of,

directly or indirectly, any person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

On December 6, 2007, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in the Order, six individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13315.

The list of additional designees is as follows:

1. AL-AHMAD, Ahmad Muhammad Yunis (a.k.a. AL-BADANI, Ahmad Muhammad Mahmud 'Abdallah; a.k.a. AL-BARRANI, Ahmad Muhammad Al-Abdullah), Al-Mazzah Al-Jabal District, 6 Subdistrict, 3 area, Al-Iskan complex, 40/2, Fifth Floor, Damascus, Syria; DOB 19 Sep 1978; POB Al-Anbar, Iraq; nationality Iraq; Passport H0347417 (Iraq) issued 20 Feb 2003 expires 19 Feb 2011.

2. AL-AHMAD, Sa'ad Muhammad Yunis, Damascus, Syria; DOB 1 Jan 1981; POB Baghdad, Iraq; nationality Iraq; Identification Number 159014.

3. AL-AZAWI, Hatem Hamdan, Diyali, Al-Khalis Sector, Iraq; Deli Abbas, Iraq; DOB circa 1937.

4. AL-DULAYMI, Hasan Hashim Khalaf (a.k.a. "ABU WISSAM"), 30th Street, Al-Yarmuk Area, Jadat Al-Jaysh District, Damascus, Syria; House #43, Lane #17, Subdivision #808, Al-Dawrah, Baghdad, Iraq; DOB 1942; POB Baghdad, Iraq; nationality Iraq

5. AL-DURI, Thabet, Karkh District, Baghdad, Iraq; Rukan al-Din, Syria; DOB 1943; alt. DOB 1944; POB Dur, Iraq.

6. AL-TIKRITI, Ahmed Watban Ibrahim Hasan (a.k.a. AL-TIKRITI, Ahmad Watban Ibrahim Hasan; a.k.a. MUHAWDAR, 'Imad 'Udi), Al-Hadda Hotel, Sana'a, Yemen; Al-Ra'is Building, Mina Street, Tartus, Tartus, Syria; Jirmanah Neighborhood, Damascus, Syria; DOB 1975; alt. DOB 1979; POB Baghdad, Iraq; nationality Iraq.

Dated: December 6, 2007.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of One Individual Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of one newly-designated individual whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the individual identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive Order 13224, is effective on December 6, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On September 23, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13224 (the "Order") pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706, and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, 22 U.S.C. 287c. In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to address grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. The Order imposes economic sanctions on persons who have committed, pose a significant risk of committing, or support acts of terrorism. The President identified in the Annex to the Order, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, 13 individuals and 16 entities as subject to the economic sanctions. The Order was further amended by Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, to reflect the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in or hereafter come within the United States or the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) Foreign persons listed in the Annex to the Order; (2) foreign persons determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of

Homeland Security and the Attorney General, to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States; (3) persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order; and (4) except as provided in section 5 of the Order and after such consultation, if any, with foreign authorities as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, deems appropriate in the exercise of his discretion, persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, such acts of terrorism or those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or determined to be subject to the Order or to be otherwise associated with those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order.

On December 6, 2007, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice and other relevant agencies, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsections 1(b), 1(c) or 1(d) of the Order, one individual whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

The designee is as follows:

AL-RAWI, Fawzi Mutlaq (a.k.a. AL-RAWI, Fawzi Isma'il Al-Husayni; a.k.a. "ABU AKRAM"; a.k.a. "ABU FIRAS"), SYRIAN BA'TH PARTY COMMAND BUILDING, AL-HALBUNI DISTRICT, DAMASCUS, Syria; SYRIAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED APARTMENT, AL-MAZZAH DISTRICT, DAMASCUS, Syria; DOB 1940; POB RAWAH CITY, IRAQ; citizen Syria; nationality Iraq; CHAIRMAN, IRAQI WING OF THE SYRIAN BA'TH PARTY

Dated: December 6, 2007.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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