

prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (see 31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1st in the Circular, which outlines details as to the underwriting limitations, areas in which companies are licensed to transact surety business, and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**Vivian L. Cooper,**

*Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Additional Designation of Individual Pursuant to Executive Order 13460

**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 13460 of February 13, 2008, "Blocking Property of Additional Persons in Connection With the National Emergency With Respect to Syria."

**DATES:** The designation by the Secretary of the Treasury of one individual identified in this notice pursuant to Executive Order 13460 is effective on February 21, 2008.

**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 May 11, 2004, the President issued Executive Order 13338 pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003, Public Law 108-175, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code. In Executive Order 13338, the President declared a national emergency to address the threat posed by the actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, continuing its occupation of Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining the United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq.

On February 13, 2008, the President issued Executive Order 13460 (the "Order") pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., and section 301 of title 3, United States Code. In the Order, the President found that the Government of Syria continues to engage in certain conduct that formed the basis for the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, including but not limited to undermining efforts with respect to the stabilization of Iraq. The President further found that the conduct of certain members of the Government of Syria and other persons contributing to public corruption related to Syria, including by misusing Syrian public assets or by misusing public authority, entrenches and enriches the Government of Syria and its supporters and thereby enables the Government of Syria to continue to engage in certain conduct that formed the basis for the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property 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 who are determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, to have engaged in, to have facilitated, or to have secured improper advantage as a result of, public corruption by senior officials within the Government of Syria.

On February 21, 2008, 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, one individual whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13460.

The designee is as follows: MAKHLUF, Rami (a.k.a. MAKHLOUF, Rami; a.k.a. MAKHLOUF, Rami Bin Mohammed; a.k.a. MAKHLOUF, Rami Mohammad); DOB 10 Jul 1969; POB Syria; citizen Syria; Passport 98044 (Syria).

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**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 Individuals and Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 12978

**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 15 newly-designated individuals and entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, "Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers."

**DATES:** The designation by the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the 15 individuals and entities identified in this notice pursuant to Executive Order 12978 is effective on February 12, 2008.

**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**

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## Background

On October 21, 1995, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706), issued Executive Order 12978 (60 Fed.