DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing the names of two individuals and four entities whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (“Kingpin Act”) (21 U.S.C. Sections 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. Section 1182). In addition, OFAC is publishing an amendment to the identifying information of one individual previously designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act.

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (“SDN List”) of the two individuals and four entities identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Kingpin Act, is effective on October 10, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington, DC 20220, Tel: (202) 622–2420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site at www.treasury.gov/ofac or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622–0077.

Background

On December 3, 1999, the Kingpin Act was signed into law by the President of the United States. The Kingpin Act provides a statutory framework for the President to impose sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their access to the U.S. financial system and to the benefits of U.S. persons and entities. The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury consults with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security when designating and blocking the property or interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons or entities found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; and/or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On October 10, 2012, the Director of OFAC removed from the SDN List the two individuals and four entities listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Kingpin Act:

Individuals

1. ROMERO BARRERA, Benedicto, c/o AGROFUTURO R.H. Y CIA. S.C.S., Medellin, Colombia; c/o COLOMBIAN GREEN STONE CORPORATION LTDA., Bogota, Colombia; c/o ONLYTEX S.A., Sabaneta, Antioquia, Colombia; DOB 06 Jan 1964; P.O.B Campohermoso, Boyaca, Colombia; Cedula No. 1015491 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK].

2. ROMERO VARELA, Carlos Ali (a.k.a. MARTINEZ, Richard), c/o LOS GNOMOS LTDA., Cali, Colombia; c/o SOCIEDAD DE COMERCIALIZACION INTERNACIONAL POSEIDON S.A., Sabaneta, Antioquia, Colombia; DOB 19 Mar 1959; alt. DOB 19 Feb 1959; Cedula No. 13447909 (Colombia); Passport B0088212 (Venezuela) (individual) [SDNTK].

Entities

1. AGROFUTURO R.H. Y CIA. S.C.S., Calle 80 Sur No. 47D–65 Bod. 114, Medellin, Colombia; NIT # 800139023–0 (Colombia) [SDNTK].

2. LOS GNOMOS LTDA., Calle 5 No. 61–92, Apt. 412B, Cali, Valle, Colombia; NIT # 800165614–2 (Colombia) [SDNTK].

3. ONLYTEX S.A., Calle 80 Sur No. 47D–65, Sabaneta, Antioquia, Colombia; NIT # 811029489–6 (Colombia) [SDNTK].

4. SOCIEDAD DE COMERCIALIZACION INTERNACIONAL POSEIDON S.A. (f.k.a. C.I. COMERCIALIZADORA INTERNACIONAL POSEIDON S.A.; a.k.a. C.I. POSEIDON S.A.), Calle 79 Sur No. 48B–56, Sabaneta, Antioquia, Colombia; NIT # 800173090–7 (Colombia) [SDNTK].

In addition, OFAC has amended the identifying information for the following individual previously designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act:

1. ISAZA ALVAREZ, Carlos Arturo, c/o AGROFUTURO R.H. Y CIA. S.C.S., Medellin, Colombia; c/o COLOMBIAN GREEN STONE CORPORATION LTDA., Pereira, Colombia; P.O.B. INVESIONES BUENOS AIRES LTDA., Pereira, Colombia; c/o INVESIONES Y DISTRIBUCIONES COLOMBIANAS EL OASIS LTDA., Villavicencio, Colombia; c/o AUTOMOTORA MATECANA LTDA., Villavicencio, Colombia; c/o COMERCIALIZADORA EL PROVEEDOR LTDA., Villavicencio, Colombia; c/o INVESIONES DISTRIBUIDORES NACIONALES S.A., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 15 Aug 1947; Cedula No. 8281272 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK].
The listing for this individual now appears as follows:

1. ISAZA ALVAREZ, Carlos Arturo; DOB 15 Aug 1947; Cedula No. 8281272 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK] Linked to: COMERCIALIZADORA AUTOMOTORA MATECANA LTDA.; Linked to: COMERCIALIZADORA EL PROVEEDOR LTDA.; Linked to: INVERSIONES BUENOS AIRES LTDA.; Linked to: INVERSIONES Y DISTRIBUCIONES COLOMBIANAS EL OASIS LTDA.; Linked to: PROVEEDORES Y DISTRIBUIDORES NACIONALES S.A.,

Dated: October 10, 2012.

Adam J. Szubin,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 12978

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing the names of 24 individuals and 6 entities whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978. The Order, titled “Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers” (“Executive Order 12978”) has been in effect since October 21, 1995. The unblocking of the property and interests in property of certain persons is being made pursuant to the Executive Order.

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (“SDN List”) of the 24 individuals and 6 entities identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is effective on October 10, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, 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) (“IEEPA”), issued Executive Order 12978 (60 FR 54579, October 24, 1995) (the “Order”). In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the harm that they cause in the United States and abroad.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated pursuant to the Order.

On October 10, 2012, the Director of OFAC removed from the SDN List the 24 individuals and 6 entities listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Order:

Individuals:

1. ARANA MARIA, Jairo Abraham, c/o DESARROLLOS URBANOS "DESAROLLAR" LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; Calle 74 No. 53–30, Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o INMOBILIARIA DEL CARIBE LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o INMOBILIARIA HOTELERA DEL CARIBE LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES HOTELERAS LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES PRADO TRADE CENTER LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o NEGOCIOS Y PROPIEDADES DEL CARIBE LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o SUCURAS DE HOTELES LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o GRAN COMPAÑIA DE HOTELES LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o HOTELES E INMUEBLES DE COLOMBIA LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; c/o EDIFICACIONES DEL CARIBE LTDA., Barranquilla, Colombia; DOB 28 Feb 1965; alt. DOB 02 May 1965; alt. DOB 21 May 1965; Cedula No. 29654304 (Colombia); Passport Z4966601 (Colombia); alt. Passport K4503420 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT] 1.

2. ARIAS DE RESTREPO, Mariella, c/o DISTRIBUIDORA AGROPECUARIA COLOMBIANA S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o MATERIAS PRIMAS Y SUMINISTROS S.A., Bogota, Colombia; c/o AGRO MASCOTAS S.A., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 19 Nov 1958; Cedula No. 38437571 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

3. BEDOYA DE SANCLEMENTE, Maria Ninive, c/o DISTRIBUCIONES GLOBAL LTDA., Cali, Colombia; DOB 13 Jul 1966; Cedula No. 29645304 (Colombia); Passport 29645304 (Colombia); NIT # 29645304–8 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

4. ESPANA CUELLAR, Irelma, c/o COLPHAR S.A., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 28 Feb 1965; Cedula No. 40764759 (Colombia); Passport 40764759 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

5. FERNANDEZ VIEJO, Alfredo, c/o INVERSIONES EL PROGRESO S.A., Cartagena, Colombia; Credito Cartagena, DOB 10 Dec 1954; Cedula No. 206946 (Extranjeria) (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

6. FORERO SALAMANCA, Sonia Viviana, c/o COPSERVIR LTDA., Bogota, Colombia; c/o CRÉDIREBAJA S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o INTERFARMA S.A., San Jose, Costa Rica; c/o JOMAGA DE COSTA RICA S.A., San Jose, Costa Rica; DOB 16 Oct 1975; Cedula No. 52342283 (Colombia); Passport 52342283 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

7. FRANCO VALENCIA, Fabio Hernan, Carrera 4 No. 11–45 Ofc. 506, Cali, Colombia; c/o COMPANIA DE FOMENTO MERCANTIL S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o GEOPLASTICOS S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o CIA. MINERA DAPA S.A., Bogota, Colombia; c/o CIA. ANDINA DE EMPAQUES LTDA., Cali, Colombia; c/o OCCIDENTAL DE PAPELES LTDA., Cali, Colombia; DOB 06 Dec 1940; POB Cali, Valle, Colombia; Cedula No. 6076743 (Colombia); Passport 6076743 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].