

(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 [www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/ref/suretyBnd/c570.htm](http://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/ref/suretyBnd/c570.htm)

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Financial Accounting and Services Branch, Surety Bond Section, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6D22, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: December 14, 2015.

**Kevin McIntyre,**

Manager, Financial Accounting and Services Branch.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13667 and 13712

**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 two individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13667 and four individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13712, and whose names have been added to OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List).

**DATES:** OFAC's actions described in this notice were effective December 18, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202/622-2420, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202/622-2490, Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202/622-2480, Office of Foreign Assets Control, or Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202/622-2410, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury (not toll free numbers).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Electronic and Facsimile Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions

programs are available from OFAC's Web site ([www.treasury.gov/ofac](http://www.treasury.gov/ofac)). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC's sanctions programs is also available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

#### Notice of OFAC Actions

On December 18, 2015, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following two individuals pursuant to E.O. 13667, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in the Central African Republic":

1. GAYE, Haroun (a.k.a. GAYE, Aroun; a.k.a. GEYE, Aroun; a.k.a. GUAYE, Haroun; a.k.a. GUEYE, Haroun), Bangui, Central African Republic; DOB 30 Jan 1968; alt. DOB 30 Jan 1969; Passport O00065872 (Central African Republic) expires 30 Dec 2019 (individual) [CAR].
2. NGAIKOSSET, Eugene Barret (a.k.a. NGAIKOISSET, Eugene; a.k.a. NGAIKOSSE, Eugene Barret; a.k.a. NGAIKOUESSET, Eugene; a.k.a. NGAIKOSSET, Eugene; a.k.a. "The Butcher of Paoua"), Bangui, Central African Republic; DOB 08 Oct 1967; alt. DOB 10 Aug 1967; POB Bossangoa, Central African Republic; nationality Central African Republic; Identification Number 911-10-77 (Central African Republic) (individual) [CAR].

Also on December 18, 2015, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following four individuals pursuant to E.O. 13712, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Burundi":

1. NDIRAKOBUCA, Gervais (a.k.a. NDIRAKOBUCHA, Gervais; a.k.a. "Ndakugarika"), Burundi; DOB 01 Aug 1970; nationality Burundi; Passport DP0000761; General; Chief of Staff, Ministry of Public Security; Chief of Cabinet for Police Affairs; Burundian National Police Chief of Cabinet (individual) [BURUNDI].
2. NGENDAKUMANA, Leonard; DOB 24 Nov 1968; nationality Burundi; Passport DP0000885; General; Burundian National Intelligence Service (SNR) Cabinet Chief (former) (individual) [BURUNDI].
3. NIYONZIMA, Joseph (a.k.a. NIYONZIMA, Joseph; a.k.a. NIYONZIMA, Mathias Joseph; a.k.a. NIYONZIMA, Salvator; a.k.a. "Kazungu"), Kinanira III, Kinindo, Bujumbura 257, Burundi; DOB 17 May 1960; alt. DOB 17 Jun 1960; alt. DOB 02 Jan 1967; alt. DOB 06 Mar 1956; POB Bukeye, Burundi; alt. POB Kanyosha Commune, Mubimbi, Bujumbura-Rural Province, Burundi; nationality Burundi; Passport OP0053090 (Burundi); alt. Passport OP0000185 (Burundi) issued 28 Jul 2011 expires 28 Jul 2016 (individual) [BURUNDI].
4. SINDUHIJE, (a.k.a. SINHUHIJE, Alexis);

DOB 05 May 1967; alt. DOB 05 May 1966; POB Kamenge, Bujumbura, Burundi; nationality Burundi; Gender Male (individual) [BURUNDI].

Dated: December 18, 2015.

**John E. Smith,**

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8844

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8844, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 22, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Michael A. Joplin, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at [Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov](mailto:Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1444.

*Form Number:* 8844.

*Abstract:* Employers who hire employees who live and work in one of the eleven designated empowerment zones can receive a tax credit for the first \$15,000 of wages paid to each employee.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, farms and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 8 hrs., 5 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 237,600.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: December 16, 2015.

**Michael A. Joplin,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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