

eliminated the former exception of direct sales natural gas pipelines from the definition of an interstate gas pipeline facility. As a result, direct sales gas transmission pipelines subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) formerly considered to be intrastate pipelines for purposes of the pipeline safety laws are now defined as interstate pipelines. As interstate pipelines, direct sales pipelines are subject to the applicable Federal pipeline safety regulations and PHMSA is responsible for regulatory oversight and enforcement. In some cases, inspections of these pipelines may continue to be conducted by a State pipeline safety agency acting as PHMSA's representative.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal pipeline safety laws (49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.*) define an "interstate gas pipeline facility" as a facility subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC under the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717 *et seq.*). Prior to the passage of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006 (PIPES Act) (Pub. L. 109-468), the interstate gas pipeline facility definition contained an exception for a gas pipeline facility transporting gas from an interstate gas pipeline in a State to a direct sales customer in that State buying gas for its own consumption. Because of this exception, these pipelines were considered to be intrastate pipelines and were regulated on a state-by-state basis. Section 7 of the PIPES Act changed this by eliminating the exception. As a result, direct sales gas transmission pipelines subject to FERC jurisdiction formerly considered to be intrastate pipelines for purposes of the pipeline safety laws are now considered to be interstate pipelines.

As interstate gas pipeline facilities, direct sales pipelines are subject to the applicable Federal pipeline safety regulations and PHMSA is responsible for regulatory oversight and enforcement. Subjecting direct sales gas pipelines to the same requirements as other interstate gas pipelines should provide improved regulatory certainty and ensure consistency in regulatory requirements.

In cases where a State has both an annual certification for gas under 49 U.S.C. 60105 and an agreement under 49 U.S.C. 60106(b), inspections of these direct sales pipelines may continue to be conducted by a State pipeline safety

agency acting as PHMSA's representative although any enforcement action must be referred to PHMSA. If the line has a State certification from the State Public Utility Commission (PUC) that such State PUC has regulatory jurisdiction over the rates and service of the line and is exercising it, that would be grounds for concluding that the line is not subject to FERC jurisdiction and therefore can be regulated as an intrastate pipeline by a State having a certification for gas under 49 U.S.C. 60105. This change does not affect direct sales pipelines that are intrastate pipelines because they extend from another intrastate line to the consumer.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-08-01)

To: Owners and Operators of Gas Transmission Pipeline Systems.

Subject: Notice to Operators of Gas Transmission Pipelines on the Regulatory Status of Direct Sales Pipelines.

Advisory: PHMSA advises gas transmission pipeline operators that the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006 eliminated the exception of direct sales natural gas pipelines from the definition of an interstate gas pipeline facility. As a result, direct sales gas transmission pipelines subject to the jurisdiction of FERC formerly considered to be intrastate pipelines for purposes of the pipeline safety laws are now defined as interstate pipelines. As interstate pipelines, direct sales pipelines are subject to the applicable Federal pipeline safety regulations and PHMSA is responsible for regulatory oversight and enforcement. In some cases, inspections of these pipelines may continue to be conducted by a State pipeline safety agency acting as PHMSA's representative.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 7, 2008.

Jeffrey D. Wiess,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds—Termination: North Pointe Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 13 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2007 Revision, published July 2, 2007, at 72 FR 36192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above-named company under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to qualify as acceptable surety on Federal bonds was terminated effective May 1, 2008. Federal bond-approving officials should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 ("Circular"), 2007 Revision, to reflect this change.

With respect to any bonds currently in force with this company, bond-approving officers may let such bonds run to expiration and need not secure new bonds.

However, no new bonds should be accepted from this company, and bonds that are continuous in nature should not be renewed.

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: May 2, 2008.

Rose M. Miller,

Acting Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Foreign Assets Control Office

Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

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 additional entity whose property and interests in property has been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act ("Kingpin Act") (21 U.S.C. 1901-1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182).

DATES: The designation by the Secretary of the Treasury of the one entity identified in this notice pursuant to

section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on May 7, 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 on 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

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It 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 businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and to the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

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 Kingpin Act blocks the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of foreign persons designated by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, 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 who are 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; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On May 7, 2008, OFAC designated an additional entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act.

The additional designee is as follows:

1. MERCURIO INTERNACIONAL S.A., Avenida Carrera 15 No. 100-69, Oficina 303, Bogota, Colombia; Carrera 15 No. 93-60 Local 205, Bogota, Colombia; Transversal 71D No. 26-94 Sur, Local 3504, Bogota, Colombia; Calle 5 No. 50-103, Local C108, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 1 No. 61A-30, Locales 80 y 81, Cali, Colombia; Calle 19 No. 6-48, Oficinas 403 y 404, Pereira, Colombia; Carrera 14 No. 18-56, Locales 34 y 35, Piso 3, Armenia, Colombia; Carrera 43A No. 34-95, Local 253, Medellin, Colombia; Carrera 54 No. 72-147, Local 144, Barranquilla, Colombia; NIT #830063708-7 (Colombia); (ENTITY) [SDNTK].

Dated: May 7, 2008.

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 Narcotics Trafficker 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 name of three individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, *Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers*.

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is effective on May 7, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2420.

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>) via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

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 Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and Secretary of State, to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia; or (3) to materially assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to this order; and (4) persons 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 this Order.

On May 7, 2008, the Director of OFAC removed from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers the individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Order.

The listing of the unblocked individuals follows:

1. GOMEZ POVEDA, Gustavo, c/o C A V J CORPORATION LTDA., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 8 Nov 1960; Cedula No. 19416811 (Colombia); Passport 19416811 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

2. GALLEGOS SANCHEZ, Isaac, c/o DISMERCOOP, Cali, Colombia; c/o GRACADAL S.A., Cali, Colombia; DOB 3 Nov 1953; Cedula No. 6457399 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

3. BENITEZ CASTELLANOS, Cesar Tulio, c/o DROGAS LA REBAJA, Cali, Colombia; c/o RIONAP COMERCIOS Y REPRESENTACIONES S.A., Quito, Ecuador; c/o D'CACHE S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES MONDRAGON Y CIA. S.C.S., Cali, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES Y CONSTRUCCIONES ABC S.A., Cali,