CIRCULAR LETTER

TO : ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, INSURANCE BROKERS, REINSURANCE BROKERS, MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATIONS AND TRUSTS FOR CHARITABLE USES OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : AMLC RESOLUTION NO. 19 DATED MARCH 8, 2006

Attached is a copy of AMLC Resolution No. 19 dated March 8, 2006 directing all covered institutions to submit directly to the AMLC reports of covered or suspicious transactions, if any, involving the following:

1. ISNILON TOTONI HAPILON - a.k.a. Isnilon Hapilon; Isnilon Hapilon; Abu Musab; Salahudin and Tuan Isnilon;

2. RADULAN SAHIRON - a.k.a. Radullan Sahiron; Radulan Sahiron; Radulan Sajirun and Commander Putol; and

3. JAINAL ANTEL SALI, JR. - a.k.a. Abu Solaiman; Abu Solayman; Apong Solaiman and Apung

For strict compliance.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 March 2006

HON. EVANGELINE CRISOSTOMO-ESCOBILLO
Commissioner
Insurance Commission
Manila

Attention: Ms. Evelyn N. Singun
Chief Insurance Specialist

Dear Madam:

Please be informed that the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), in its Resolution No. 19 dated 8 March 2006, decided as follows:

1. To require the Supervising Authorities to circularize among all covered institutions under their respective jurisdictions, copy of the said Resolution; and

2. To direct the covered institutions to submit to the AMLC reports of covered and suspicious transactions, if any, involving the subject of the said Resolution.

In this connection, may we request the Insurance Commission to circularize the attached AMLC Resolution.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

VICENTE S. AQUINO
Executive Director

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Whereas, in letters dated 6 and 12 December 2005, the Government of the United States of America, through its Embassy in Manila requests the Philippine Government to check carefully for any funds, financial assets or economic resources, including property or interests in property owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Khadafi Janjalani, Isnilon Totoni Hapilon, Radulan Sahiron, and Jainal Antel Sali, Jr., and to freeze the same should any be found.

Whereas, Khadafi Janjalani is the leader of one of the major factions of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), a violent terrorist organization operating in the Southern Philippines. The ASG was formed in the early 1990s under the leadership of Abdurajak Abubakar Janjalani (deceased), the older brother of Khadafi Abubakar Janjalani.

Whereas, the ASG engages in kidnappings for ransom, bombings, assassinations and extortion. Although it claims that its motivation is to promote an independent Islamic state in areas of the Southern Philippines heavily populated by Muslims, the ASG has also used terror for financial profit.

Whereas, the United States designated the ASG as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) under Executive Order 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons who Commit, Threaten to Commit or Support Terrorism" on 24 September 2001.

Whereas, on 6 October 2001, the ASG was added to the UN 1267 Committee’s consolidated list of individuals and entities associated with Al Qaida, the Taliban or Usama bin Laden, against whom the UN member states are obligated to impose sanctions, including an asset freeze, arms embargo and travel ban.

Whereas, on 17 December 2004, Khadafi Janjalani was designated by the US as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) under Executive Order 13224. Khadafi Janjalani was added to the UN 1267 Committee’s list of sanctioned individuals and entities on 22 December 2004.

Whereas, on 30 November 2005, the United States designated domestically the following three (3) ASG leaders as SDGT pursuant to EO 13224:

1. Isnilon Totoni Hapilon – a.k.a. Isnilon Hapilon; Isnilon Hapilon; Abu Musab; Salahudin and Tuan Isnilon;

2. Radulan Sahiron – a.k.a. Radullan Sahiron; Radulan Sahiron; Radulan Sahiron and Commander Putol; and
3. Jinal Antel Sali, Jr. – a.k.a. Abu Solaiman; Abu Solayman; Apong Solaiman and Apung

Whereas, the names of the 3 ASG leaders and the ASG’s connection to al Qaida warrant their inclusion in the UN 1267 Committee list of individuals/entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the Taliban or al Qaida. Therefore, on the same date, the United States and Australia requested that the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee add the names of the 3 ASG leaders to its list of entities/individuals subject to sanctions that UN member states are obligated to implement pursuant to UNSCR Resolution 1267 and subsequent resolutions, including most recently, Resolution 1617.

Whereas, on 5 December 2005, the 1267 Committee approved the addition of the names of the 3 ASG leaders to the UN list of individuals and entities belonging to or associated with the Taliban and Al Qaida organization established and maintained by the 1267 Committee.

Whereas, the provisions of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1373 require UN member states to freeze terrorist assets without delay and to prohibit their nationals or persons in their territories from financing terrorism. As a charter member of the United Nations and as part of the international coalition against terrorism, the Philippines, through the Anti-Money Laundering Council, must actively support the actions required under the subject UNSC Resolutions.

Wherefore, the Council resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to require the Supervising Authorities, namely: the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Insurance Commission to circulate among all covered institutions under their respective jurisdictions, copy of this Resolution and to direct the covered institutions to submit directly to the Council reports of covered or suspicious transactions, if any, involving the said individuals in accordance with Sections 7 and 9 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA) of 2001, as amended and Rule 9.3 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations and other related or applicable rules, regulations, circulars and operating manuals promulgated by the Supervising Authorities.

March 2006, Manila, Philippines.

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