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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION SECTOR

CIRCULAR LETTER

To : **ALL BANKS AND NON-BANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
UNDER BSP SUPERVISION**

Subject : **VARIOUS E-MAIL SCAM**

Attached is a copy of the letter from the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) dated 27 January 2006 advising us of e-mail communications believed to be similar to the "Advance Fee Fraud" swindling scheme or the so-called "Nigerian Scam".

Several swindling schemes were already reported involving the following personalities:

1. Mr. George Sanoussi
2. Ms. Shilla Williams
3. Mrs. Laura Dick of Saintly Charitable Firm
4. Mrs. Suha Arafat
5. Mr. Barry Leonard

Should you encounter transactions with the same or similar scheme, whether involving the above-named persons or other persons, you are hereby directed to report them immediately to the AMLC by filing the Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs).

For your guidance and strict implementation.


NESTOR A. ESPENILLA, JR.
Deputy Governor

Att.: A/S

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Mr. Nestor A. Espenilla
Deputy Governor
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Subject: Email Scam

Dear Sir:

The Anti-Money Laundering Council Secretariat (AMLCS) received confidential information regarding email communications believed to be similar to the "Advance Fee Fraud" swindling scheme or the so-called, "Nigerian scam".

The reported personalities involved are: **Mr. George Sanoussi, Ms. Shilla Williams, Mrs. Laura Dick of Saintly Charitable Firm, Mrs. Suha Arafat and Barry Leonard.** Their modus operandi are appear as follows:

1. Mr. Sanoussi claims that his father, a former Foreign Affairs Ministry of Guinea-Conakry left him a deposit account of P18M in a private security company in Accra, Ghana, but could not deposit the money in a financial institution for fear of being confiscated. Mr. Sanoussi is asking the bank's employee's assistance in getting the funds out of Ghana. The employee was promised a 15% share on the total sum and 5% shall be used for all expenses incurred that will be incurred in the course of the transaction;
2. Ms. Shilla Williams sent an email to a bank employee to give notice that the said employee's email address had been selected in a random computing ballot system as the prize recipient in the third category for an allocated sum of USD250,000.00. The employee was directed to contact a certain Mrs. Laura Dick to claim the prize;

3. Mrs. Suha Arafat, purported herself as the wife of the late Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, sent an email to an employee of a Bank (with whom she has established a computer pal relationship) asking the employee if Mrs. Arafat could use the employee's bank account to safe keep the sum of US\$20 Million until her daughter Zahwa reaches the age of majority and can take full responsibility of the family estate/inheritance; and
4. Mr. Barry Leonard who claims to be a Commercial Loan Officer at Centrix Bank in the United Kingdom, is seeking the assistance of a Bank employee in a business venture involving the amount of £2.6 Million (British Pound) and if said employee is willing to indulge in such transaction, the employee should contact Mr. Barry Leonard at his email address (barry50@safe-mail.net) but never at his office email or number.

We would appreciate if an advisory be disseminated to all banks regarding these reported schemes to prevent any damage or prejudice to individuals and the banking industry as well. Likewise, the filing of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) on transactions based on the same or similar scheme whether involving the above named persons or others should be encouraged in the advisory.

Thank you.

Very cooperatively yours,


VICENTE S. AQUINO
Executive Director