



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION SECTOR

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. CL-2006-037

To : ALL BANKS AND NON-BANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Subject : Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC)
Resolution No. 80 dated 06 October 2006

Attached is the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) Resolution No. 80 dated 06 October 2006 regarding the request of the Government of the United States of America, through its Embassy in Manila, for information and to check carefully for funds, financial assets or economic resources, including property or interests in property owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), Abdul Al-Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil, Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, Muhammad Jamal Khalifah; Abd al-Hadi Daguit and Mahmud Abd Al-Jalil Afif and to freeze the same should any be found.

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; you are hereby directed to submit directly to the Council reports of covered and suspicious transactions, if any, involving the above-named organization and/or individuals.

For your guidance and strict implementation.


NESTOR A. ESPENILLA JR.
Deputy Governor

31 October 2006

Att.:A/S



Anti-Money Laundering Council

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex
Manila, Philippines

RESOLUTION NO. 8, Series of 2006

WHEREAS, in letters dated 2 and 7 August 2006, the Government of the United States of America, through its Embassy in Manila, requests the Philippine Government for information and to check carefully for funds, financial assets or economic resources, including property or interests in property owned or controlled directly or indirectly by **Abdul Al-Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil** and by the **International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO)** Philippine branch or persons acting on its behalf, and to freeze the same should any be found.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury designated on 3 August 2006 the Philippine and Indonesian branches of the Saudi-based **International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO)** for facilitating fundraising for Al-Qaida and affiliated terrorist groups. U.S. Department of Treasury additionally designated **Abd Al Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil**, the Executive Director of the Eastern Province Branch of IIRO in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Abd Al Hamid Al-Mujil** has been called the "million dollar man" for supporting Islamic militant groups.

WHEREAS, on the same date, the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee approved the addition of **Abd Al-Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil** and the Philippines branch of the **International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO)** to its list of individuals/entities associated with **Usama bin Laden**, the **Taliban** and/or **Al-Qaida** who are subject to UN Security Council-mandated sanctions, including asset freezing, travel ban and arms embargo.

WHEREAS, **Abd Al-Hamid Al-Mujil** has used his position to bankroll the Al-Qaida network in Southeast Asia. **Al-Mujil** provided donor funds directly to Al-Qaida and is identified as a major fundraiser for the **Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)** and **Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)**. Both **ASG** and **JI** are Al-Qaida associated terrorist groups designated pursuant to the authorities of E.O. 13224. These terrorist groups are also listed by the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee's consolidated list of individuals and entities associated with the **Taliban**, **Al-Qaida** and/or **Usama Bin Laden**.

WHEREAS, **Al-Mujil** was also present in Afghanistan in the late 1990s and personally knew **Usama Bin Laden (UBL)** and deceased Al-Qaida co-founder **Abdallah Azzam**. In the 1990s, **Al-Mujil** established a relationship with senior Al-Qaida operational planner **Khalid Shaykh Muhammad**. **Al-Mujil** has a long story of providing support to terrorist organizations. He has contributed direct financial assistance to former **ASG** leaders including **Abdurajak Janjalani** (deceased).

WHEREAS, **International Islamic Relief Organization, Philippines (IIRO-PHL)** branch office is a source of funding for the Al-Qaida affiliated **ASG**. **IIRO-PHL** has served as a liaison for the **ASG** with other Islamic extremist groups. A former **ASG** member in the Philippines familiar with **IIRO** operations in the country reported that a

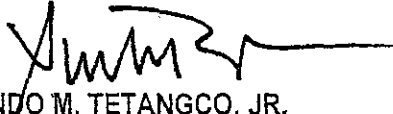
limited amount of foreign IIRO funding goes to legitimate projects and the rest is directed to terrorist operations.

WHEREAS, the Philippine branches of the IIRO were founded sometime in the late 1980s or early 1990s by Muhammad Jamal Khalifah, who is Usama Bin Laden's brother-in-law and has been identified as a senior Al-Qaida member. IIRO-PHL's director, Abd al-Hadi Daguit, is a trusted associate of Khalifah. While working as the director of IIRO-PHL, Khalifah maintained closed connections with Al-Qaida through his relations with senior Al-Qaida supporters, including Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) Wa'el Hamza Julaidan. In the mid-1990s, a major ASG supporter, Mahmud Abd Al-Jalil Afif, served as the director of the IIRO-PHL and used the organization to funnel money to terrorist groups including the ASG.

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 resolved to require the Supervising Authorities, namely: the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Insurance Commission to circularize 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 International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), Abdul Al-Hamid Sulaiman Al-Mujil, Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, Muhammad Jamal Khalifah; Abd al-Hadi Daguit and Mahmud Abd Al-Jalil Afif, in accordance with Sections 7 and 9 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA), 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.

6 October 2006, Manila, Philippines.



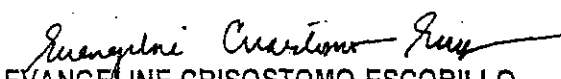
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