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To:

All reporting institutions under the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001 (AMLATFA)

Recent Statements by the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF)

This circular is issued to inform the reporting institutions (RIs) of the recent statement by the FATF on 21 June 2013 on jurisdictions having strategic deficiencies in their AML/CFT regime. These jurisdictions are either subject to the FATF's call for countermeasures; or have not made sufficient progress and not committed to an action plan to address those AML/CFT deficiencies.

2. In the statement, FATF has called upon its members and other jurisdictions to apply countermeasures against **Iran and Democratic People's Republic of Korea** arising from the on-going and substantial money laundering and terrorist financing risks emanating from the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions which have strategic deficiencies that have not made sufficient progress in addressing the deficiencies include **Ecuador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, São Tomé and Príncipe, Syria, Tanzania, Turkey, Vietnam and Yemen**, and is subject to FATF's call to consider the risks arising from the deficiencies associated with each jurisdiction.

3. RIs are advised to give due consideration to the FATF Statements in relation to the RIs' obligation in implementing the AML/CFT requirements under the AMLATFA. Further information on the abovementioned statements is available at FATF's website at <http://www.fatf-gafi.org> and any updates on the statements will be notified via the Financial Intelligence System (FINs).

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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