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## About Screening Enquiry

There is no single global definition for a politically exposed person (PEP), they are classified differently in each country/bank. In the broadest sense a PEP is any individual who holds or has in the past held a position of public trust, such as government officials, senior executives of government corporations, politicians, and important political party officials. It is not always limited to an individual who directly holds public office, it also includes their immediate family members, close business associates, as well as any senior executives of state owned enterprises.

These people are of particular interest to anti money-laundering institutions, such as the Financial Intelligence Centre, because as a result of their position, they have easier access to public funds and carry a higher risk with regard to their potential for involvement in bribery and corruption.

Banks and financial institutions treat PEPs as "high-risk clients" and must, therefore, take additional measures with regard to monitoring their financial transactions, and taking reasonable measures to establish the source of their wealth and the origin of funds going into their accounts.

As the notion of PEPs in Africa differs from that in the West, it has been suggested that Africa should adopt a wider definition of PEPs than the West given the number of different organisations involved in political activity. The notion of Prominent Influential Persons (PIPs) was raised, with suggestions for stressing the importance of local influencers, such as religious leaders or chiefs of provinces.

The term 'PIP' was recently identified by the Banking Association South Africa as a deviation from the internationally accepted terminology.

## Adverse Media & PIPS Enquiry Benefits:

- Institutions which are likely to come into contact with sanctioned persons or entities are able to screen clients and prospective clients against the relevant sanctions lists.
- This assists the accountable institution in determining the amount of effort and resources it requires in order to determine whether they have sanctioned persons or entities as a client or whether prospective clients are sanctioned persons or entities.
- Within moments you will see either adverse media, Watch lists or PEP- related lists OR all of them combined in one click. This enables you to apply within seconds, your risk assessment rules to any individual and continue working, instead of the hours and hours of searches on the internet.
- Usually to stay FICA compliant, you would have the tedious task to find the information scattered all over the world about any individual. With this search engine, the fragmented information is seamless, easy and fast, put onto one platform to assist you with risk assessment within moments, reliable and insightful for you to continue to apply the results in your risk assessment strategy.

## Search options available on the Adverse Media & PIPS Enquiry:

- Search Term (Full name of the Individual or Entity name) or
- Search Refinement (Search Criteria / Additional Information to narrow down the search further)
- Search Categories:
  - Adverse Media
  - Watch lists
  - PEP
- Scope:
  - Exact
  - Default
  - Broad
- Range:
  - Last 90 days
  - Last year
  - Last 2 years
  - Last 3 years

## Data fields returned:

- Adverse Media Results:
  - Title
  - Date
  - Relevance (Percentage)

## How to access the Adverse Media & PIPS Enquiry

- Once logged on you will need to click on the enquiries tab and then select 'Trust Enquiry'.

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### SEARCH REFERENCE

\* Reference Number:

\* Search Term:

Search Refinement:

\* Search Categories: ☒ Include Adverse Media ☒ Include Watchlists ☒ Include PEP

\* Scope:    
 Default

\* Range: Last 90 days

- N.B. The reference will be for both your and CPB record purposes and should be either your client account number of your client / matter number etc. This will remain your choice, it is however a compulsory requirement for all searches

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