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BACKGROUND REPORT

## RE: PATRICK J. ARATA

Malta

Date: August 27, 2020

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL DELIVERY

Mr. Jonathan Cardona

Individual Investor Programme Agency

Republic of Malta

Mediterranean Conference Centre

Old Hospital Street

Valletta, Malta VLT 1645

**RE: [FIRSTNAME] [MIDDLENAME] Arata**

Dear Jonathan Cardona:

Enclosed is the *Due Diligence Background Report* on the subject referenced above, Patrick John Arata, who submitting an individual application for economic citizenship in the Republic of Malta. <investigator to name any spouse or children who are not included in the investigation or application>.

A Due Diligence Investigation was conducted on the subject in [Country], where the subject was <investigator to insert ties to country>. Our investigation included verifications and searches of the following sources and information regarding the subject: identity and legal status; residence address; marital status and family information; employment history and business affiliations; educational background; media publications; searches of court and other legal records; international anti-terrorist and other government watch lists; discreet reputational inquiries; and other sources.

We would like to stress the confidentiality of this report. Please do not share the enclosed information with any unauthorized parties or provide a copy to the agent or the subject. If you have any questions or comments about this report, please contact me by telephone at 212.812.1040 or by email at [alejandra.jimenez@sterlingdiligence.com](mailto:alejandra.jimenez@sterlingdiligence.com). As always, thank you for the opportunity to be of service, and we look forward to assisting you in the future.

Sincerely,

STERLING DILIGENCE

Alejandra Jiménez

Sr. Manager – Head of Global Investigations

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PATRICK J. ARATA[FORSUB]

.lkjyhgf, [Country]

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**SUMMARY RESULTS TABLE**

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| **COMPONENTS INVESTIGATED** | **RESULTS** | | **COMMENTS** |
| Personal Identification Profile | PLRESULT | | PICOMMENT |
| Name & Address Verification & History | NAMERESULT | | NAMECOMMENT |
| Company Directorship & Other Records | COMPRESULT | | COMPCOMMENT |
| Source of Wealth | Records  &  *Unconfirmed* | | Arata has an estimated total net worth of <amount>, which is comprised of <list of assets> in <location>  <Investigator to specify whether confirmation is available and results if undertaken> |
| Discreet Reputational Inquiries |  | |  |
| Education Verification | Bachelor of Science-Results Pending | | Additionally, Arata reportedly earned a Bachelor of Science from New york University in London on <not provided>, *however efforts to independently verify the same are currently ongoing (the results of which will be provided under separate cover, if and when received)* |
| Professional Licenses & Designations | REGRESULT | | REGCOMMENT |
| Regulatory Searches & Verification | PROFRESULT | | PROFCOMMENT |
| Military Service |  | |  |
| Driving History | DRIVINGRESULT | | DRIVINGCOMMENT |
| Personal Credit History | PERCREDITRESULT | | PERCREDITCOMMENT |
| **Bankruptcy, Civil Litigation & Other Filings** | | | |
| Bankruptcy Filings in [Country] (as available) | BANKRUPRESULT | | BANKRUPCOMMENT |
| BANKRUP1RESULT | | BANKRUP1COMMENT |
| Civil Court Litigation Records in [Country] (as available) | CIVILRESULT | | CIVILCOMMENT |
| CIVIL1RESULT | | CIVIL1COMMENT |
| Civil Judgments and Liens | CIVILJUDGERESULT | | CIVILJUDGECOMMENT |
| CIVILJUDGE1RESULT | | CIVILJUDGE1COMMENT |
| **Criminal Records** | | | |
| Criminal Records as available in [Country] | CRIMINALRESULT | | CRIMINALCOMMENT |
| CRIMINAL1RESULT | | CRIMINAL1COMMENT |
| **Press & Other Media Searches** | | | |
| News Media Searches – Print Publications and Internet Sources. Includes expanded search of investment publications, etc. | | NEWSRES*[NewsRES]* | NEWSCOMMENT |
| **Global Security & Regulatory Searches** | | | |
| **Sanctions Bodies Searched:** | | | |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia | | DEPTFORRESULT | DEPTFORCOMMENT |
| European Union Consolidated List of Persons, Groups, Equity | | EURUNRESULT | EURUNCOMMENT |
| HM Treasury Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets (formerly Bank of England Sanctions) | | HMTRERESULT | HMTRECOMMENT |
| U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security List of Denied Persons, Entities List and Unverified List | | USBEURESULT | USBEUCOMMENT |
| U.S. Department of State Foreign Terrorist Organizations | | USBDEPRESULT | USBDEPCOMMENT |
| U.S. Directorate of Defense Trade Controls Debarred Parties Lists | | USBDIRRESULT | USBDIRCOMMENT |
| U.S. General Services Administration Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs | | USGENRESULT | USGENCOMMENT |
| U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control | | USOFFRESULT | USOFFCOMMENT |
| United Nations Consolidated Sanctions | | UNCONSORESULT | UNCONSOCOMMENT |
| World Bank List of Ineligible Firms and Individuals | | WORLDBANKRESULT | WORLDBANKCOMMENT |
| **Law Enforcement Bodies Searched:** | | | |
| City of London Police (U.K.) | CITYRESULT | | CITYCOMMENT |
| Constabularies of Cheshire, Lancashire, and Devon and Cornwall (U.K.) | COSTABRESULT | | COSTABCOMMENT |
| Hampshire Police (U.K.) | HAMPSPRESULT | | HAMPSPCOMMENT |
| Hong Kong Police Force | HONGKONGRESULT | | HONGKONGCOMMENT |
| Interpol | INTERPOLRESULT | | INTERPOLCOMMENT |
| Metropolitan Police Service (U.K.) | METROLIRESULT | | METROPOLICOMMENT |
| National Crime Squad | NATLSQADRESULT | | NATLSQADCOMMENT |
| North Yorkshire Police (U.K.) | NOYOKRESULT | | NOYOKCOMMENT |
| Nottinghamshire Police (U.K.) | NOTTINGRESULT | | NOTTINGCOMMENT |
| Surrey Police (U.K.) | SURREYRESULT | | SURREYCOMMENT |
| Thames Valley Police (U.K.) | THAMRESULT | | THAMCOMMENT |
| U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation | USFEDERALRESULT | | USFEDERALCOMMENT |
| U.S. Secret Service | USSECRETRESULT | | USSECRETCOMMENT |
| Warwickshire Police (U.K.) | WARWRESULT | | WARWCOMMENT |
| **Regulatory Enforcement Bodies Searched:** | | | |
| Alberta Securities Commission, Canada | ALBRESULT | | ALBCOMMENT |
| Assets Recovery Agency | ASSERESULT | | ASSECOMMENT |
| Australian Prudential Regulation Authority | AUSPRRESULT | | AUSPRCOMMENT |
| Australian Securities and Investments Commission | AUSSECRESULT | | AUSSECCOMMENT |
| Banque de France, CECEI, France | BAQUERESULT | | BAQUECOMMENT |
| Banque de France, Commission Bancaire, France | BACOMRESULT | | BACOMCOMMENT |
| British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission | BRIVIRRESULT | | BIRVIRCOMMENT |
| Cayman Islands Monetary Authority | CAYRESULT | | CAYCOMMENT |
| Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, Luxembourg | COMDERESULT | | COMDECOMMENT |
| Commodity Futures Trading Commission | COMMODITYRESULT | | COMMODITYCOMMENT |
| Council for Financial Activities Control, Brazil | COUNFINRESULT | | COUNFINCOMMENT |
| Departamento de Investigacoes Sobre Narcoticos, Brazil | MENTODERESULT | | MENTODECOMMENT |
| Department of Labour Inspection – Combating Forced Labour, Brazil | DEPLABRESULT | | DEPLABCOMMENT |
| Federal Deposit Insurance Commission | FDEPORESULT | | FDEPOCOMMENT |
| Federal Reserve Board | FRESRESULT | | FRESCOMMENT |
| Financial Action Task Force | FINACRESULT | | FINACCOMMENT |
| Financial Crimes Enforcement Network | FCRIMERESULT | | FCRIMECOMMENT |
| Financial Industry Regulatory Authority | FININDRESULT | | FININDCOMMENT |
| Financial Regulator, Ireland | REGIRERESULT | | REGIRECOMMENT |
| Hong Kong Monetary Authority | KONMONRESULT | | KONMONCOMMENT |
| Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission | KONSECRESULT | | KONSECCOMMENT |
| Investment Dealers Association of Canada | INDEASRESULT | | INDEASCOMMENT |
| Investment Management Regulatory Organisation | INMARERESULT | | INMARECOMMENT |
| Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission | ISMASURESULT | | ISMASUCOMMENT |
| Jersey Financial Services Commission | JESECORESULT | | JESECOCOMMENT |
| Lloyd’s Insurance Arimbolaet | LIARRESULT | | LIARCOMMENT |
| Monetary Authority of Singapore | MOSIRESULT | | MOSICOMMENT |
| National Credit Union Administration | NATCRERESULT | | NATCRECOMMENT |
| New York Stock Exchange | NYRESULT | | NYCOMMENT |
| Office of the Comptroller of the Currency | OFFCPTRESULT | | OFFCPTCOMMENT |
| Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Canada | OFFSUPRESULT | | OFFSUPCOMMENT |
| Resolution Trust Corporation | RESTRESULT | | RESTCOMMENT |
| Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. | SECRESULT | | SECCOMMENT |
| Securities and Exchange Commission, Brazil  (Brazil Comissão de Valores Mobiliários) | SECOBRRESULT | | SECOBRCOMMENT |
| Securities and Futures Authority | SEFUAURESULT | | SEFUAUCOMMENT |
| Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority (Finansinspektionen) | SWFIRESULT | | SWFICOMMENT |
| Swiss Federal Banking Commission | SWBARESULT | | SWBACOMMENT |
| U.K. Companies House Disqualified Directors Register | UKCOHORESULT | | UKCOHOCOMMENT |
| U.K. Financial Conduct Authority Regulatory Enforcements | UKFICORESULT | | UKFICOCOMMENT |
| U.S. Court of International Trade | USCOURESULT | | USCOURCOMMENT |
| U.S. Department of Justice | USDPJSRESULT | | USDPJSCOMMENT |
| U.S. Federal Trade Commission | USFEDRESULT | | USFEDCOMMENT |
| U.S. National Futures Association | USNFRESULT | | USNFCOMMENT |
| U.S. Office of Thrift Supervision | USOTRESULT | | USOTCOMMENT |
| **High Profile Persons Data Bodies Searched**: |  | |  |
| Central Intelligence Agency - Heads of State/Government | CIRESULT | | CICOMMENT |
| International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) | INCOJORESULT | | INCOJOCOMMENT |
| **END** | | |  |

PATRICK J. ARATA[FORSUB]

.lkjyhgf, [Country]

STERLING DILIGENCE BACKGROUND REPORT[[1]](#footnote-1),[[2]](#footnote-2)

August 27, 2020

*PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL*

**INTRODUCTION**

This investigation was initiated on behalf of the subject identified below to comply with official due diligence requirements of the [Program Name] in reference to an individual application for economic citizenship in the Republic of Malta. The purpose for conducting this investigation was to determine the background and reputation of the subject, Patrick John Arata.<investigator to name any spouse or children who are not included in the investigation or application>.

A Due Diligence Investigation was conducted on the subject in [Country], where the subject was <investigator to insert ties to country>.

Recommend Additional Jurisdictions? ADDITIONALCOUNTRIES

The following represents our findings:

##### **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION**

The identification documents as provided by the applicants were confirmed as authentic during our Due Diligence Investigation, as detailed in the Subject-Provided Documents Section at the end of this Report. The following information was identified in connection with the subject and has been confirmed, unless otherwise noted. Certain limited-scope research efforts were conducted in connection with any below-noted name variations, as appropriate:

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| --- | --- |
| **PATRICK JOHN ARATA** ([FORSUBJECT]) (Main Applicant) | |
| **Name Variations** | Pat Arata, Rick Arata |
| **Date of Birth** | December, 1995 |
| **Place of Birth** | uytf |
| **Citizenship** | American |
| **Current Residences** | [Current Full Address 1], reportedly since <date> |
| [Current Full Address 2], reportedly since <date> |
| [Current Full Address 3], reportedly since <date> |
| **Previous Residences** | [Previous Residence 1], reportedly from <date> to <date> |
| [Previous Residence 2], reportedly from <date> to <date> |
| [Previous Residence 3], reportedly from <date> to <date> |
| **Marital Status** | According to their Application Form (a copy of which was provided), Arata married <spouse> on <date> in <location> (a copy of their Marriage Certificate, issued by <authority> number <number>, was provided and was authenticated). |
| **Military Service** | Arata reportedly served as a <rank/position> in the <Country> military from <year> to <year>, however, <investigator to specify why not confirmed and whether certificate was provided>. |

1. **BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**[[3]](#footnote-3)

Our investigation included a search for any affiliations of the subject with any businesses such as corporations, partnerships, fictitious or assumed business names, etc. A variety of sources were used in this portion of the investigation, including: corporate registration and other business records; nationwide business information sources; business reference directories; media publications; and other appropriate sources. This portion of the investigation also included verification of the employment history of the subject as provided in the Personal Details, Family Information, Education, and Employment Form (“Form PDFEE”) (a copy of which was provided).

It is noted that the following employment history has been verified to be true as claimed, unless noted otherwise below.

**PATRICK JOHN ARATA**

REPORTED BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

As confirmed, Arata is a President at ABC Group[[4]](#footnote-4) in Short Hills, New Jersey, since 2019. <Investigator to insert company website, brief description, registration details, and any other applicant-provided data here>.

In addition to the above, research efforts conducted through information maintained by [Corp Registry] identified Arata as an Officer, Director and/or Shareholder of the following business entities in [Country]:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

Moreover, research of records maintained by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (“WIPO”) identified the subject as a Registrant/Owner in connection with the following trademarks and as an Applicant/Assignee/Inventor in connection with the following patents:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

UNDISCLOSED AFFILIATIONS

While not reported by the subject, research of records maintained by the [Corp Registry], as well as other sources, revealed the subject in connection with the following additional business entities:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

*It should be noted that government compliance, regulatory agencies, anti-terrorist and anti-money laundering searches were conducted in connection with the afore-mentioned business affiliations, which revealed that the following information:*

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

##### **SOURCE OF WEALTH**

Arata did not provide any details regarding their source of wealth, and information in this regard -- if any -- would be required in order to pursue confirmation of the same.

It should be noted that confirmation of the subject’s salary cannot be undertaken without directly contacting their current employer.

##### **DISCREET REPUTATIONAL INQUIRIES**

Discreet reputational inquiries were undertaken in connection with sources familiar with Arata in [Country]. We contacted these individuals and asked them about their knowledge of the applicant’s background, reputation, character, and integrity.

The following are the summaries of the inquiries:

*Source 1: <Description of Source>*

According to the source, <investigator to insert summary>.

*Source 2: <Description of Source>*

According to the source, <investigator to insert summary>.

*Source 3: <Description of Source>*

According to the source, <investigator to insert summary>.

##### **EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS**

According to self-reported biographical information, Arata reportedly received a Bachelor of Science from New york University in London on <not provided>, having reportedly attended the same from <not provided> to <not provided>. Efforts to independently confirm the subject’s tenure at the same have remained unsuccessful to date.

##### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

*JK Organization*

As confirmed through records maintained by the [PL Organization], Arata holds a [Professional License Type] license, with license number [PL Number], which is valid from [PL Start Date] and is set to expire on [PL End Date], unless renewed.

There was no disciplinary history identified in connection with the subject’s license. <investigator to modify if disciplinary history exists>

*United States Securities and Exchange Commission*

According to records maintained by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), Arata has been registered, with a Central Registration Depository (“CRD”) number of <number>, as an Investment Adviser Firm Representative of <entity> (effective as of <dates>).

Further, the subject reportedly passed the following examinations: the Series <number> (<series name>) on <date>; and the Series <number> (<series name>) on <date>.

No disclosure events, such as formal investigations, disciplinary actions, customer disputes and/ or criminal charges or convictions, were on file with the SEC in connection with Arata’s registration.

*United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority*

According to records maintained by the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”), Arata, with an individual reference number of <number>, has been registered in the controlled functions of <insert controlled functions, entities and effective dates>.

There are no records of any supervisory, disciplinary or civil regulatory actions on file with the FCA against the subject.

*United States Financial Industry Regulatory Authority*

According to records maintained by the United States Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”), Arata has been registered, with a Central Registration Depository (“CRD”) number of <number>, in connection with <entity> (effective as of <dates>).

Additionally, the subject reportedly passed the following examinations: the Series <number> (<series name>) on <date>; and the Series <number> (<series name>) on <date>.

Further, the following customer disputes, disciplinary actions, and/or regulatory events were identified in connection with this registration:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

*Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission*

Arata has been registered with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (“HKSFC”), with the identification number of <number>, as a <role> (effective as of <dates>)), in the regulated activity of <capacity> (effective as of <dates>) with <entity>.

Additionally, the following public disciplinary actions were on file in connection with the subject:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

*Other Professional Licensures and/or Designations*

Investigative efforts did not reveal any additional professional licensure or registration information in connection with Arata, personally, however, further efforts would be required on a jurisdiction and license-type basis to confirm the same. As a precaution, research efforts included, but were not limited to: a Broker Check through the United States Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (for the past two years); a search of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission registration; an Investment Adviser Firm Representative search through the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and a search through the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority. <investigator to remove any sources that came back with hits above>

###### REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER SEARCHES

*Other Financial and Securities Regulators*

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In addition to the above, as a precaution, national financial institutions sanctions and legal actions were searched in the United States covering the banking, mortgage and securities industries,[[5]](#footnote-5) and the following information was identified in connection with Arata: <Investigator to insert results here>

##### **COURT AND OTHER PUBLIC RECORDS SEARCHES**

*[Country]*

Searches of all available legal records in [Country], which include the [Courts] <list of available courts, tribunals and sources noted in sub report>, did not personally identify the subject as a party to any bankruptcy filings, civil litigation matters, judgments or criminal convictions.

It should be noted that one or more individuals known only as [FirstName] Arata were identified as <party type> in at least <number> bankruptcy filings, which were recorded in [Country] between <date> and <date>, and manual court records retrieval efforts -- if available -- would be required in order to determine whether any of the same pertain to the subject of interest, which can be undertaken upon request if an expanded scope is warranted

It should be noted that one or more individuals known only as [FirstName] Arata were identified as <party type> in at least <number> civil litigation filings, which were recorded in [Country] between <date> and <date>, and manual court records retrieval efforts -- if available -- would be required in order to determine whether any of the same pertain to the subject of interest, which can be undertaken upon request if an expanded scope is warranted

The subject provided a copy of their <jurisdiction> Criminal Clearance Certificate, number <certificate #> issued on <date> by <issuing authority>, which was authenticated by <entity>, and reported the following criminal records in connection with the subject:

• <Investigator to insert results here>

Further, efforts undertaken through official government announcements, published news stories, regulatory agency records and other available sources, identified the following references to bankruptcy filings, civil litigation filings and/or criminal records involving the subject in [Country]:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

*Other Legal Records Searches*

In addition, as a precaution, bankruptcy, criminal and civil court records were searched in the United States covering a period of at least 10 years or so through the federal-level United States District and Bankruptcy Courts at a nearly national level, which identified the subject in connection with the following records:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

It is noted that comprehensive statewide and local-level court research efforts would be required in connection with the subject in the United States, should an expanded scope be warranted.

1. **DRIVER’S LICENSURE AND DRIVING HISTORY**

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###### GLOBAL SECURITY

Research was undertaken in connection with various governmental, quasi-governmental and private sector list repositories maintained for purposes of international security, fraud prevention, anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering, including the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons of the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”),

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

Searches of the same sources were also conducted in connection with the subject’s <family members> (utilizing their names and provided in their Application Forms) and the following records were identified:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

Further, research efforts conducted through electronically-available lists of “politically-exposed” persons and entities identified the following information in connection with Arata:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

Further, a review was conducted of the Offshore Leaks Database maintained by The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (“ICIJ”). It is noted that the ICIJ database contains information on the more than 785,000 offshore companies, foundations and trusts from the Panama Papers, the Offshore Leaks, the Bahamas Leaks and the Paradise Papers investigations. The data covers nearly 80 years up to 2016 and links to people and companies in more than 200 countries and territories. The database is not intended to suggest or imply that any persons, companies or other entities included have broken the law or otherwise acted improperly. The following information was identified in connection with the subject:

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

• <Investigator to insert bulleted list of results here>

### PERSONAL CREDIT HISTORY

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1. **PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA RESEARCH**

Due to the commonality of the subject’s name, searches were structured and designed to identify specific reports relating to Arata with a variety of negative search terms and derivatives thereof within the past <timeframe>. Further, the subject’s name was also searched using a variety of other terms, focusing on the subject’s employment history, and a thorough review of the same revealed the following potentially-relevant information: <Investigator to insert article summaries here>

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We hope this report satisfies your request for background and due diligence investigation relating to this subject. If you have any questions or comments about this report or our findings, please contact us and reference Case Number 12345\_PA. As always, thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**SUBJECT-PROVIDED DOCUMENTS**

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

As stated above, the identification documents as provided by the subject were confirmed as authentic during our Due Diligence Investigation, unless otherwise noted. Copies of the subject’s provided identification documents which have been authenticated are indicated with a check mark (“✓”):

* [Country] Passport
* [Country] Birth Certificate
* [Country] National Identity Card
* [Country] Marriage Certificate
* [Country] Driver’s License

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

In addition to the above, copies of the following documents (some notarized and some with translation pages) were provided to Sterling Diligence for the subject:

* Disclosure Form
* Form 12
* [Country] Criminal Clearance Certificate
* Curriculum Vitae
* Graduation Certificate (<School Name>)
* Business Documents (<Entity Name>)
* Employment Letter (<Entity Name>)
* Bank Statement
* Bank Reference Letter
* Letter to the Minister
* Fingerprint and Photograph Verification Form
* Medical Report and Questionnaire
* Investment Agreement
* Photograph
* Certificate of Residency
* Utility Bill
* Affidavit of Source of Funds

<investigator to adjust the above lists to fit the applicant>

**APPENDIX**

As noted above, records of international and U.S. government regulatory agencies were searched for any information on the subject, including, but not limited to, the following sources:

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| **HIGH PROFILE PERSONS DATA & OTHER BODIES** | |
| » Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) » Bureau of Industry and Security | |
| » Financial Action Task Force » World Bank | |
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| **GLOBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**  » Central Bureau of Investigation, India  » Central Commission for Discipline Inspection  » Central Commission for Discipline Inspection – Most Wanted  » Central Narcotics Bureau, Singapore  » Cheshire Constabulary, UK  » China Ministry of Public Security - Wanted  » China Provincial Commissions for Discipline Inspection  » China Supreme People's Court  » China Supreme People's Procuratorate  » City of London Police, UK  » Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, UK  » Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States  » General Police Directorate, Slovenia  » Hampshire Police, UK  » Hong Kong Police Force  » Interpol  » Lancashire Constabulary, UK  » Metropolitan Police Service, UK  » National Crime Squad, UK  » North Yorkshire Police, UK  » Nottinghamshire Police, UK  » Philippines National Police  » Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia  » Royal Malaysian Police | » Shanghai Stock Exchange  » South African Police Service  » Surrey Police, UK  » Thames Valley Police, UK  » US Air Force Office of Special investigations  » US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  » US Drug Enforcement Administration  » US Immigration and Customs Enforcement  » US Marshals Service  » US Naval Criminal Investigative Service  » US Postal Inspection Service  » US Rewards for Justice  » US Secret Service  » Warwickshire Police, UK |
| **SANCTIONS**  » Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, Luxembourg  » Commonwealth of Australia Law  » De Nederlandsche Bank, Netherlands  » Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia  » European Union  » Reserve Bank of Australia  » United Nations Security Council Committee  » US Department of State  » Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission  » Jersey Financial Services Commission  » Ministry of Finance, Japan | » Financial Services Agency, Japan  » Guernsey Financial Services Commission  » HM Treasury (formerly Bank of England)  » Hong Kong Gazetted Sanctions List  » Hong Kong Monetary Authority Notice  » Monetary Authority of Singapore  » Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), United States  » Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Canada  » People's Bank of China - United Nations Sanctions – PBC  » People's Bank of China - Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement |
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