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NOTICE TO FINANCE COMPANIES
MONETARY AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE ACT, CAP. 186

PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM – FINANCE COMPANIES

- 1 This Notice is issued pursuant to section 27B of the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 186) and amends MAS Notice 824.
- 2 MAS Notice 824 dated 2 July 2007 is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) by deleting paragraph 5.2 and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "5.2 No finance company shall perform simplified CDD measures in the following circumstances:
 - (a) where the customers are from or in countries and jurisdictions known to have inadequate AML/CFT measures, as determined by the finance company for itself or notified to finance companies generally by the Authority or by other foreign regulatory authorities; or
 - (b) where the finance company suspects that money laundering or terrorist financing is involved.";
- (b) by deleting paragraph 6.1(a) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(a) a natural person who is or has been entrusted with prominent public functions whether in Singapore or a foreign country";
- (c) by deleting paragraph 7.1(c); and
- (d) by deleting paragraph 7.3 and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "7.3 Where a finance company relies on an intermediary to perform the CDD measures, it shall:

- (a) document the basis for its satisfaction that the requirements in paragraph 7.1(a) have been met except where the intermediary is a financial institution supervised by the Authority (other than a holder of a money changer's licence or a holder of a remittance licence); and
- (b) immediately obtain from the intermediary the CDD information which the intermediary had obtained.".
- This notice shall take effect on 2 December 2009.