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CENTRAL BANK OF IRELAND

Pursuant to Section 9(3)(a) of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995, the Central Bank hereby advises that:

Cambridge Global Ltd.
(Austria, Hungary and Italy)

Prime Pacific Holdings Limited
(Bahamas, Japan, Thailand and USA)

are **not** authorised to provide investment business services and/or investment advice in Ireland.

Any person with information about the above firms or who wishes to make enquiries about any other investment business firm, whether authorised or not, should contact the Central Bank's enquiry line at:

Locall 1890 200 469

A list of warning notices issued to date is available on the Bank's website

www.centralbank.ie/supervision.asp

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Tuesday, 18 February 2003

Central Bank Issues Warning on Two Firms

Prime Pacific Holdings Limited named for the third time

The Central Bank of Ireland today (Tuesday, 18 February) publishes a warning notice naming two firms that are operating as unauthorised investment business firms in Ireland. The warning notice names Cambridge Global Ltd. (Austria, Hungary and Italy) and Prime Pacific Holdings Limited (Bahamas, Japan, Thailand and USA). The firms have been offering investment advice and/or investment business services to members of the Irish public. The notice is published today in Irish daily newspapers under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995.

This is the third occasion that the Central Bank has issued a warning notice concerning Prime Pacific Holdings Limited. The previous notices appeared in September and December 2002.

It is a criminal offence for an investment firm to operate in Ireland unless it has an authorisation from the Central Bank and clients of unauthorised firms are not eligible for compensation from the Investor Compensation scheme.

Any person wishing to contact the Central Bank with information regarding such firms may telephone the Bank's lo-call enquiry line at **1890-200-469**. This line is also available to the public to ascertain if an investment firm is authorised before making an investment with such a firm. Since obtaining the legal powers to publicly warn about unauthorised firms in August 1998, the Bank has issued 52 warnings naming 108 firms (see attached). A list of all warning notices issued is available on the Bank's website: www.centralbank.ie/supervision.asp

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