



Financial Supervision Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued by the Financial Supervision Commission ("the Commission") in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Section 22 of the Financial Supervision Act 1988.

Johnstone Brown Investments

The Financial Supervision Commission have been made aware of telephone calls allegedly originating from Johnstone Brown Investments. This entity purports, within the calls, to be located in the Isle of Man. The Commission have carried out extensive enquiries and have been unable to identify any such entity in, or genuinely associated with the Isle of Man

Johnstone Brown Investments is not a company incorporated within the jurisdiction of the Isle of Man. It is not registered as a foreign company having established a place of business on the Isle of Man. It is not registered as a business name on the Isle of Man.

The caller asks the person receiving the call to fax information back to the entity.

Subsequent information obtained by the Commission would suggest that the number given which has been reported as:

09064016435

may be a "premium rate" line and in conjunction with the above information, relating to the alleged entity, would suggest that the intent of the calls was to defraud the recipient. The fax number is not an Isle of Man based number and appears to be issued by a United Kingdom telecommunications provider.

The caller has been reported as giving an address for the entity of 45 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 1LH. The Commission is satisfied that the entity does not occupy such address nor does it have any genuine connection with it.

The Commission would strongly urge persons receiving calls purporting to originate from Johnstone Brown Investments to refrain from calling any numbers given, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice.

A warning regarding text, email and fax scams was issued by the United Kingdom Department of Trade and Industry on 11th November 2002. Their warning is available over the internet at the following address:

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/gnn/national.nsf/TI/4429E7081AC7951880256C6F0032489F?opendocument>

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