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The Banking and Finance Commission warns the public against the activities of **Drexel Asset Management**, a company with offices in Japan (Tokyo, Level 11, Parkwest Bldg 6-12-1, Nishi Shinjuku) and Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Level 36, Menara Citibank, 165 Jalan Ampang).

According to information available to the Commission, Drexel Asset Management may be contacting Belgian investors by telephone in order to propose buying securities.

The Banking and Finance Commission hereby informs the public that Drexel Asset Management has not been granted the authorization required to provide investment services relating to financial instruments in Belgium.

Additional information about the regularity of any transaction proposed can be found on the <u>Investors' Page</u> on the web site of the Commission (<u>www.cbf.be</u>), or through direct contact with the "Protection of Consumers of Financial Services" department (telephone: 02/535.59.10; e-mail address: <u>peri@cbf.be</u>).