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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Commission has recently become aware of emails received by members of the public purporting to have been sent by the above named individual.

The information provided to the Commission intimates that the above named individual claims to be employed as "Snr.accounts director, Offshore Mortgage & Services, Natwest Bank Plc,London." (sic)..

The email gives an address for the sender of "P.O.Box 151, Natwest Bank House, Victoria Street, Douglas-Isle of Man, United Kingdom." (sic).

In the email it states "...decided to reach you directly to solicit for your assistance and guidelines in making a business investment and transfer of (USD32, 000,000.00) Belonging to Mr.Gerald Welsh, who died with his wife in an air crash on the 31st October 1999 in an Egyptian airline flight990." (sic).

The Commission wishes to draw attention to the following observations regarding the aforementioned emails:

The Commission would like to point out that NatWest Bank plc does not have any licensing/representation in the Isle of Man. A genuine Isle of Man banking licenceholder, The Royal Bank of Scotland International Ltd, trades under the business name, NatWest.

The Commission would also like to point out that there is no building by the name of Natwest Bank House on Victoria Street, Douglas.

Details of all licenceholders of the Commission are available on our website http://www.fsc.gov.im

Enquiries by the Commission have established that there is no person by the name of Pierre Walker now or formerly employed by the genuine licenceholder, The Royal Bank of Scotland International Ltd, trading as NatWest on the Isle of Man.

Under the circumstances the Commission feels that these emails are being issued to either tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of an Advance Fee Fraud – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/westafricanfraud.xml

OR

Are an attempt at gaining personal data from the recipient in order to steal their identity – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/identitytheft.xml

Also see information issued by the Isle of Man Office of the Data Protection Supervisor at:

http://www.gov.im/lib/news/odps/yourinformationy.xml

Under the circumstances the Commission would encourage people receiving emails or other documentation matching the above description to refrain from responding to them in any way.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from emails matching the above description and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689314 or by email to $\underline{\text{fsc@gov.im}}$.

Any persons who have paid out funds in relation to emails matching the above description or who have provided personal financial details in relation to emails matching the above description should consider contacting their local police fraud unit without delay.

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