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PUBLIC NOTICE - F.S.C Public Warnings

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.

Bogus website - http://investec-b.com

The Financial Supervision Commission has become aware of the above website which purports to represent the entity, Investec Bank International Limited.

The information on website seems to have been copied from a number of genuine website, to make it appear more genuine. Information on the website seems to be an amalgamation of random details copied from various genuine entities. For example, on one page of the website it states that Investec Bank International Limited is based in the Isle of Man, yet the Contact Us page states that the address and telephone numbers are both from the UK. It also states that it is "Licensed by the United Kingdom Financial Supervision Commission to conduct Banking Business". It should be regulated by either the "United Kingdom Financial Services Authority" or the "Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission".

There is a genuine entity by the name of Investec Bank (UK) Limited, which is authorised by the UK Financial Services Authority, but is in no way connected or associated with the above website.

Information regarding institutions authorised by the UK Financial Services Authority can be found on their website at http://www.fsa.gov.uk/Pages/index.shtml

A list of all institutions licensed by the Commission is available on our website at www.fsc.gov.im.

Under the circumstances, the Commission feels that this website is being used as 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 strongly urge persons considering dealing with this entity to exercise the greatest possible caution before proceeding, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice.

Any persons who have paid funds in connection to the above website should contact their local Police Fraud Unit without delay.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings with the above website and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689314 or by e-mail to fsc@gov.im.

Any persons who may have any concerns as to whether or not they are dealing with the genuine Investec Bank (UK) Limited may wish to satisfy themselves by contacting the genuine Investec Bank (UK) Limited. Contact details for the genuine Investec Bank (UK) Limited are available on their genuine website at www.investec.com.

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