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From: Kevin Pinner <kevin.pinner@law360.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov>
Subject: Re: Law360 Media Request

Hi Justin,

Thank you again for providing the press release and media advisory ahead of time. I've already pre-written most of my article, which I plan to turn in around 5:30 p.m., and I would like to run some questions by you. I think most were answered during part 1 of the media event, but my audio wasn't coming through very well.

On what date did the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions issue the cease and desist order against Euro Pacific International Bank?

Today, 6/30

What date did OCIF suspend Euro Pacific International Bank's operations?

Today, 6/30

Would you please provide a list of all jurisdictions involved in this case? I heard Simon York from HMRC mention Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was involved, and that Euro Pacific has hundreds of customers in the U.K. What other jurisdictions are involved other than the U.S., Puerto Rico, Australia and the other J5 members?

From an OCIF perspective, no other jurisdictions. From a J5 perspective, we are not able to comment on the locations of the hundreds of other civil and criminal cases.

Jim Lee said the investigation began years ago. What date exactly? Month and year would be great if you can't give an exact date.

The J5's day of action was January 2020. We became aware that OCIF was conducting an independent investigation in January 2021 and at that point we began to share information legally through official channels.

Would it be fair to characterize Commissioner Natalia Zequeira Diaz as the official which made OCIF's decision to issue the cease and desist order on Euro Pacific International Bank? How about the decision to halt the bank's operations?

Yes and Yes.

I might have further questions later. Thank you in advance! I will be available to discuss by phone -- 353-316-1505

Sincerely,

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 11:02 AM Kevin Pinner <kevin.pinner@law360.com> wrote:

Justin,

It's wonderful to make your acquaintance and thank you for sending over those

materials, which I'll keep embargoed until 3:00 p.m. Thank you for clarifying that OCIF is making the announcement of the action.

Would you mind sharing the person whom I should contact there for more information? I looked for a press email on their website, but didn't find it.

Thank you again,

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 10:46 AM Cole Justin T <Justin.Cole@ci.irs.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

You have come to the right place. Attaching the media advisory and embargoed press release form the J5 today. Embargoed until 3pm, when the event starts. To be clear, OCIF is making the announcement of the action they are taking today so they will be putting out their own press release at that time and it will have more specifics about what they are doing to the bank in question. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Justin

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Hi Justin,

My name is Kevin Pinner and I'm an international tax correspondent at Law360. Today, I've been assigned a story about a two-part media event scheduled for this afternoon involving IRS Criminal Investigation, and I'm told you're the person to contact with any questions. I'd like to establish this connection in case I have questions following the event.

If you plan to release any documentation of the event, please forward those materials to me. Thank you!

With best regards,

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