DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of five individuals and one entity whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act) (21 U.S.C. 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182). In addition, OFAC is updating the identifying information for one entity that was previously identified pursuant to the Kingpin Act.

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the five individuals and one entity identified and one update in this notice pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act are effective on June 24, 2015.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC’s Web site at http://www.treasury.gov/ofac or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622–0077.

Background

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the imposition of sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, may designate and block the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons who are found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On June 24, 2015, the Director of OFAC designated the following five individuals and one entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act.

Individuals

1. CARTAGENA BENITEZ, Octavio (a.k.a. “DON GABRIEL”; a.k.a. “GABRIEL PARACO”); DOB 18 Oct 1956; POB Urrao, Antioquia, Colombia; Cedula No. 15481237 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK]. Designated for materially assisting in, or providing support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and/or LOS URABENOS, and/or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and/or LOS URABENOS and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to sections 805(b)(2) and/or (3) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act), 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2) and/or (3).

2. GALLON HENAO, Juan Santiago; DOB 26 May 1963; POB Medellin, Colombia; Cedula No. 79270771 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK]. Designated for materially assisting in, or providing support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO, and/or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to sections 805(b)(2) and/or (3) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act), 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2) and/or (3).

3. GALLON HENAO, Pedro David; DOB 12 Aug 1970; POB Medellin, Colombia; Cedula No. 98551360 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK]. Designated for materially assisting in, or providing support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO, and/or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to sections 805(b)(2) and/or (3) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act), 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2) and/or (3).

4. Giraldo Ochoa, Hugo Humberto; DOB 03 Sep 1962; POB Envigado, Antioquia, Colombia; Cedula No. 7055633 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK]. Designated for materially assisting in, or providing support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO, and/or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to sections 805(b)(2) and/or (3) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act), 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2) and/or (3).

5. Ochoa Mesa, Reinaldo (a.k.a. “NATILLA”); DOB 10 May 1957; POB Envigado, Antioquia, Colombia; Cedula No. 70546722 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: SEMILLANOS S.A.). Designated for materially assisting in, or providing support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO, and/or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to sections 805(b)(2) and/or (3) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act), 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2) and/or (3).

Entity

1. SEMILLANOS S.A., Carrera 43 A 1 Sur 100 Of 1705, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia; Hacienda El Cedro, Km 5 Via Rabolargo, Cerete, Cordoba, Colombia; NIT #811034178–0 (Colombia) [SDNTK]. Designated for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of LA OFICINA DE ENVIGADO and therefore meets the statutory criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker (SDNT) pursuant to section...
Telephone Number (202) 317–6853 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: June 18, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 97–15

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 97–15, section 103–Remedial Payment Closing Agreement Program.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 28, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Further Information Contact: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Christie Preston, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

For Further Information Contact: Jennifer Bernardini, CC:PSI:6, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

There are no changes to the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request For Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: June 18, 2015.

Christie Preston.

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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