DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13722, 13382, and 13687

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Orders (E.O.s) 13722, 13382, and 13687.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for effective date(s).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s Web site (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Action(s)

On June 1, 2017, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked pursuant to the relevant sanctions authorities listed below. Dealings in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which a person identified as meeting the definition of the Government of North Korea has an interest are generally prohibited as of the date of that status, which may be earlier than the date of OFAC’s determination.

Individuals

1. RI, Song-hyok (a.k.a., LI, Cheng He), Beijing, China; DOB 19 Mar 1965; Gender Male; Passport 654234735 (Korea, North) (individual) [DPRK3] (Linked To: KORYO BANK; Linked To: KORYO CREDIT DEVELOPMENT BANK).

Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(i) and section 2(a)(vii) of E.O. 13722, “Blocking Property of the Government of North Korea and the Workers’ Party of Korea, and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to North Korea,” for operating in the financial services industry in the North Korea economy; and for having materially assisted or provided financial or material support for KORYO BANK, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13722.

2. MICHURIN, Igor Aleksandrovich, Russia; DOB 27 Jun 1978; Gender Male; Passport 8908104469 (individual) [NPWMD] (Linked To: KOREA TANGUN TRADING CORPORATION; Linked To: ARDIS–BEARINGS LLC).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) and section 1(a)(iv) of E.O. 13382, “Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporters,” for providing or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, KOREA TANGUN TRADING CORPORATION, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382; and for acting or purporting to act, for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, ARDIS–BEARINGS LLC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

3. KIM, SU–KWANG (a.k.a. KIM, Son-gwang; a.k.a. KIM, Son-kwang; a.k.a. KIM, Sou-gwang; a.k.a. KIM, Sou-kwang; a.k.a. KIM, Su-gwang); DOB 18 Aug 1976; Gender Female; Passport 119019, Russia [DPRK3].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13687, “Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to North Korea,” for being an official of the Government of North Korea.

Entities

1. SONGI TRADING COMPANY, Korea, North [DPRK3].

Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(ii) of E.O. 13722 for having sold, supplied, or transferred coal from North Korea, where any revenue or goods received may benefit the Government of North Korea.

2. INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM COMPANY (a.k.a. AKTSIONERNOE OBSHCHESTVO ‘NEZAVISIMAYA NEFTEGAZOVAYA KOMPANIYA’; a.k.a. NNK, AO), 1 Arbatskaya Square, Moscow 119019, Russia [DPRK3].

Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(ii) of E.O. 13722 for operating in the energy industry in the North Korean economy.


Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(ii) of E.O. 13722 for being owned or controlled by INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM COMPANY, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13722.

4. KOREA COMPUTER CENTER (a.k.a. CHUNG SEOL COMPUTER CENTER; a.k.a. CHUNG SERVICES COMPUTER CENTER; a.k.a. KOREA COMPUTER COMPANY), Pyongyang, Korea, North; Germany; China; Syria; India; United Arab Emirates [DPRK3].

Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(iv) of E.O. 13722 for having engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for the exportation of workers from North Korea, including exportation to generate revenue for the Government of North Korea or the Workers’ Party of Korea.

5. KOREA ZINC INDUSTRIAL GROUP (a.k.a. KOREA ZINC INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION) [DPRK3].

Designated pursuant to section 2(a)(i) and section 2(a)(ii) of E.O. 13722 for operating in the mining industry in the North Korean economy and for having sold, supplied, or transferred zinc from North Korea, where revenue or goods received from such transactions may benefit the Government of North Korea or the Workers’ Party of Korea, including North Korea’s nuclear or ballistic missile programs.

6. KOREAN PEOPLE’S ARMY, Korea, North [DPRK3].

Identified as meeting the definition of the Government of North Korea as set forth in section 9(d) of E.O. 13722.

7. STATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, Korea, North [DPRK3].

Identified as meeting the definition of the Government of North Korea as set forth in section 9(d) of E.O. 13722.

8. ARDIS–BEARINGS LLC, Office 35, Number 2, 1/13/6 Pokrovka Street, Moscow 101000, Russia [NPWMD] (Linked To: KOREA TANGUN TRADING CORPORATION).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, KOREA TANGUN TRADING CORPORATION, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

Andrea M. Gacki, Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5330, Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 8, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans.

OMB Number: 1545–0375.

Form Number: 5330.

Abstract: Abstract: Internal Revenue Code sections 4971, 4972, 4973(a)(3), 4975, 4976, 4977, 4978, 4978A, 4979A, 4979B, 4979A and 4980 impose various excise taxes in connection with employee benefit plans. Form 5330 is used to compute and collect these taxes.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8,403.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 64.28 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 540,145.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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 5, 2017.

Laurie Brimmer,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099–Q

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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099–Q, Payments From Qualified Education Programs (Under Sections 529 and 530).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 8, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Payments From Qualified Education Programs (Under Sections 529 and 530)

OMB Number: 1545–1760.

Form Number: 1099–Q.

Abstract: Form 1099–Q is used to report distributions from private and state qualified tuition programs as required under Internal Revenue Code sections 529 and 530.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,409,500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 13 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 530,090.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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.

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