

Financial Sanctions Notice

12/08/2021

Global Anti-Corruption

Introduction

- 1. The Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/488) (the Regulations) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies responsible for or involved in serious corruption.
- 2. This Notice is to issue a correction for 2 listings in the Global Anti-Corruption financial sanctions regime. This amendment brings the Consolidated List entries into line with the UK Sanctions List.

Notice summary

- 3. The following entries have been amended are still subject to an asset freeze.
 - Alvaro Enrique PULIDO VARGAS (Group ID: 14129)
 - Alex Nain SAAB MORAN (Group ID: 14128)

What <u>you</u> must do

- 4. You must:
 - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
 - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice

- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
- 5. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

- 7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Global Anti-Corruption financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>
- 9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

10. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

11. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

- 12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 14. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION

THE GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION SANCTIONS REGULATIONS 2021 (S.I. 2021/488)

AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

Individuals

1. PULIDO VARGAS, Alvaro Enrique

DOB: 10/12/1963. **POB**: Bogota, Colombia **a.k.a**: (1) CUCHI (2) RUBIO SALAS, German, Enrique **Nationality**: Colombia **Passport Details**: PE069914 (Col<u>uo</u>mbia) **National Identification no**: 79324956 (Col<u>uo</u>mbia) **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GAC0026 (UK Statement of Reasons): Alvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas (aka German Enrique Rubio Salas) is a close business associate of Alex Saab. With him, he engaged in serious corruption in Venezuela through his participation in two of Venezuela's public programmes: the 'Local Committees for Supply and Production' (CLAP) and the Great Housing Scheme Venezuela (GMVV). In each case, contracts were improperly granted for the benefit of an official and/or for another person including Pulido Vargas himself. In the CLAP programme, basic foodstuffs were provided at highly inflated prices. For GMVV, Global Construction Fund only delivered a small proportion of the products they had agreed to deliver, misappropriating the remainder of the funds. (Gender): Male **Listed on**: 22/07/2021 **Last Updated**: 22/07/2021 <u>12/08/2021</u> **Group ID**: 14129.

2. SAAB MORAN, Alex Nain

DOB: 21/12/1971. POB: Barranquilla, Colombia Nationality: (1) Colombia (2) Venezuela Passport Details: (1) PE085897 (Coluombia) (2) 085635076 (Venezuela) National Identification no: (1) 72180017 (Coluombia) (2) 21.495.350 (Venezuela) Address: Cape Verde. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GAC0025 (UK Statement of Reasons): Alex Nain Saab Moran engaged in serious corruption in Venezuela through his participation in two of Venezuela's public programmes: the 'Local Committees for Supply and Production' (CLAP) and the Great Housing Scheme Venezuela (Spanish acronym: GMVV). In each case, contracts were improperly granted by public officials to companies owned or controlled by Saab Moran, for the benefit of the official(s) and/or for another person, including Saab Moran himself. In the CLAP programme, basic foodstuffs were provided at highly inflated prices. For GMVV, Saab Moran's company only delivered a small proportion of the products they had agreed to deliver and for which it had been paid, misappropriating the remainder of the funds. (Gender): Male Listed on: 22/07/2021 Last Updated: <u>22/07/2021</u> <u>12/08/2021</u> Group ID: 14128. Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

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