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To: Chief Executives of all authorized insurers carrying on long term business

Dear Sirs,

Non-cooperative Countries and Territories, United Nations Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) Regulation 2006 & United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2005

Non-cooperative Countries and Territories ("NCCTs")

The Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering ("FATF") has recently removed Nigeria from the list of NCCTs having regard to the progress it made in implementing its anti-money laundering reforms, including the establishment of a financial intelligence unit. At present, Myanmar is the only country remaining on the NCCTs list.

You are advised to give special attention to the businesses and transactions with persons, including companies and financial institutions, in the above country remaining on the list, in accordance with FATF Recommendation $21^{(Note)}$.

The related press release issued by the FATF can be found on its homepage (http://www.fatf-gafi.org/dataoecd/13/54/36995060.pdf).

United Nations Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) Regulation 2006

Further to my letter of 13 April 2006, an updated list of the "relevant

Recommendation 21: Financial institutions should give special attention to business relations and transactions with persons, including companies and financial institutions, from countries which do not or insufficiently apply the FATF Recommendations. Whenever these transactions have no apparent economic or visible lawful purpose, their background and purpose should, as far as possible, be examined, the findings established in writing, and be available to help competent authorities. Where such a country continues not to apply or insufficiently applies the FATF Recommendations, countries should be able to apply appropriate countermeasures.

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persons and entities" has been specified for the purpose of paragraph 11 of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1572 under section 37 of the United Nations Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) Regulation 2006. The list was published in the Gazette (G.N. 3817) on 23 June 2006 which is available on the Government website (www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/). A copy of the list in MS Word format is also available on the Insurance Authority's website (www.oci.gov.hk/framework/index04_03_06.html).

Compared with the names advised in my letter of 13 April 2006, information of two relevant persons, Charles Goudé BLÉ and Djoué N'goran Eugène KOUADIO, has been updated.

<u>United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2005</u>

Further to my letter of 13 April 2006, an updated list of the "relevant persons and entities" has been specified for the purpose of paragraph 15 of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1596 under section 36 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2005. The list was published in the Gazette (G.N. 3816) on 23 June 2006 which is available on the Government website (www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/). A copy of the list in MS Word format is also available Insurance Authority's website on the (www.oci.gov.hk/framework/index04_03_06.html).

Compared with the names advised in my letter of 13 April 2006, information of one relevant person, Dr Ignace MURWANASHY-AKA, has been updated.

You should review your records carefully to see whether you have had, or currently have, accounts, transactions or dealings with the named individuals or entities. If such review reveals any suspicious accounts, transactions or dealings, you should promptly notify the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit. You are also reminded to browse the above website regularly for the latest information.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Ms. Joanne Lin at 2867 2557 or Miss Connie Cheng at 2867 4815.

Yours faithfully,

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c.c. Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers