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To AML&CTF Compliance Officer

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False or Misleading Information

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This Guidance Note is issued in relation to section 32B of the Anti-Money Laundering & Counter-Terrorism Financing Act No. 13 of 2014.

This section is specifically tailored for report or information that a person provides as required under *Part 3-Register of Reporting Entities, Part 4- Customer Due Diligence Requirement, Part 5-Record Keeping Requirement, Part 6- Transaction and Activity Reporting Requirement, Part 7-Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Program or Part 8-Due Diligence for Correspondent Banking.*

If a person provides report or information to the FIU and knowingly gives a false or misleading statement in a particular material or fails to give vital information that the person knows that without it the statement provided is false or misleading, the person commits an offence punishable upon conviction.

The penalties for the two different cases are:

- "An individual a fine not exceeding VT15 million or an imprisonment term not exceeding 5 years or both; or
- A body corporate a fine not exceeding VT75 million.

Yours faithfully,

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