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OCC ALERT

Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

| Subject: | Unauthorized Banking | Description: | Fictitious Internet Bank: Banquedenationale Bank |
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- **TO:** Chief Executive Officers of All National Banks; All State Banking Authorities; Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Deputy Comptrollers (districts); Assistant Deputy Comptrollers; District Counsel and Examining Personnel
- **RE:** Banquedenationale Bank, Inc., located at: www.banquedenationale.com Physical addresses referenced in Hong Kong; London, England; and New York, NY.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) has advised the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) that Banquedenationale Bank is not authorized to carry on the business of banking or deposit taking in Hong Kong, nor does it have a representative office in Hong Kong. The HKMA's press release is attached.

The subject entity is not authorized to carry on banking activities in the United Kingdom, including deposit taking or investment services; neither the OCC nor the State of New York has authorized the subject entity to operate as a bank or branch in the United States; and the deposits of the subject entity are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Any information that you may have concerning the activities of Banquedenationale Bank, Inc. occurring within the United States or U.S. territories should be brought to the attention of:

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