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**All Designated Non-Financial Institutions,**

### **ADVISORY NOTE ON – UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON AUSTRALIAN PRECIOUS STONES TRADER/COMPANY FOR TERRORISM FINANCING**

We wish to draw your attention to the designation of an Australian national and a Melbourne based precious stones merchant, **Ahmed Luqman Talib** and his company **Talib and Sons** by the US Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC). The individual and his entity were alleged to have been financing AlQaeda.

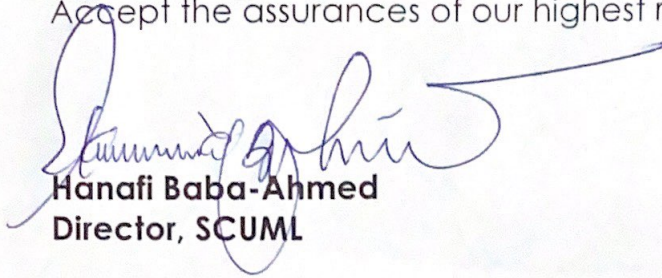
2. The Nigeria Government raised concern on the possible nexus between illegal mining of precious stones, financing of banditry and terrorism activities in the Country.

3. Accordingly, we want to draw the attention of all Designated Non-Financial Institutions (DNFIs) operating in Nigeria to the designation and remind them to continue to conduct sanction screening of all their customers:

4. For avoidance of doubt, all properties and interests in properties of these designated persons and company that are in or come within the Nigeria or the possession or control of Nigeria persons must be blocked and reported to Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU). In

addition, persons that engage in certain transactions with the individual designated may themselves be exposed to sanctions of subject to an enforcement action.

Accept the assurances of our highest regards, please.



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