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**Financial Sanctions Notice**

**17/02/2020**

## Syria

### Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Syria has been amended so that an asset freeze now applies to the persons listed in the Annex to this Notice.

### Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)

2. 10 entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.

### What you must do

3. 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;

- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Governor;
  - iv. report any findings to the FRA at [financialsanctions@gov.ky](mailto:financialsanctions@gov.ky), together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
  - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons to the FRA at [financialsanctions@gov.ky](mailto:financialsanctions@gov.ky) by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
4. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

### **Legislative details**

5. On 17 February 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/211 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 43 I, 17.2.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 17 February 2020.

### **Further Information**

7. A copy of the Amending Regulation can be obtained from the website of the Official Journal of the European Union:  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R0211&from=EN>
8. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations and UK legislation can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>
9. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Syria. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
10. For more information please see OFSI’s guide to financial sanctions:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>
11. For general information on financial sanctions please see our Industry Guidance on Targeted Financial Sanctions.  
<http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/2017-12-FRAGuidanceTargetedFinancialSanctions.pdf>

## **Enquiries**

12. Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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## **ANNEX TO NOTICE**

### **FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA**

#### **COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/211**

#### **AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 36/2012**

### **ADDITIONS**

#### **Individuals**

**1. ABBAS, Yasser Aziz**

**DOB:** 22/08/1978. **a.k.a:** (1) ABAS, Yaser, Aziz (2) ABAS, Yasr, Aziz (3) ABAS, Yasser, Aziz (4) ABBAS, Yaser, Aziz (5) ABBAS, Yasr, Aziz **Nationality:** Syrian **Other Information:** Leading businessperson operating in Syria. Supports and/or benefits from the regime through business dealings, including fuel smuggling and weapons transfers. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Bajaa Trading Services LLC, Qudrah Trading, Tafawoq Tourism Projects Company, Top Business, Yang King, Al-Aziz Group **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13814.

**2. AL-IMAM, Mahir BurhanEddine**

**Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** General Manager of Telsa Group/Telsa Telecom and Castro LLC **Other Information:** Leading businessperson operating in Syria with business interests in tourism, telecommunications and real estate. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Telsa Group/Telsa Telecom; Tazamon Contracting LLC; Castro LLC. **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13815.

**3. AL-KATTAN, Waseem**

**DOB:** 04/03/1976. **a.k.a:** (1) AL-KATAN, Waseem (2) AL-KATAN, Waseem, Anouar (3) AL-KATAN, Wasim (4) AL-KATAN, Wasim, Anouar (5) AL-KATAN, Wasseem (6) AL-KATAN, Wasseem, Anouar (7) AL-KATAN, Wassim (8) AL-KATAN, Wassim, Anouar (9) AL-KATTAN, Waseem, Anouar (10) AL-KATTAN, Wasim (11) AL-KATTAN, Wasim, Anouar (12) AL-KATTAN, Wasseem (13) AL-KATTAN, Wasseem, Anouar (14) AL-KATTAN, Wassim (15) AL-KATTAN, Wassim, Anouar (16) AL-QATAN, Waseem (17) AL-QATAN, Waseem, Anouar (18) AL-QATAN, Wasim (19) AL-QATAN, Wasim, Anouar (20) AL-QATAN, Wasseem (21) AL-QATAN, Wasseem, Anouar (22) AL-QATAN, Wassim (23) AL-QATAN, Wassim, Anouar (24) AL-QATTAN, Waseem (25) AL-QATTAN, Waseem, Anouar (26) AL-QATTAN, Wasim (27) AL-QATTAN, Wasim, Anouar (28) AL-QATTAN, Wasseem (29) AL-QATTAN, Wasseem, Anouar (30) AL-QATTAN, Wassim (31) AL-QATTAN, Wassim, Anouar **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** President of Damascus Countryside (Rural) Province Chamber of Commerce **Other Information:** Leading businessperson operating in Syria. Owner of multiple businesses and holding companies with interests and activities in various economic sectors such as real estate, luxury hotel industry and commercial centres. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Larosa Furniture/Furnishing; Jasmine Fields Company Ltd., Muruj Cham (Murooj al-Cham) Investment and Tourism Group; Adam and Investment LLC, Universal Market Company LLC, Treasurer of the Federation of Syrian Chambers of Commerce **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13824.

- 4. FOZ, Amer**  
**DOB:** 11/03/1976. **Nationality:** Syrian **Passport Details:** Passport Number: 06010274747  
**Position:** General Manager of ASM International General Trading LLC (ASM International Trading) **Other Information:** Leading businessperson with personal and family business interests and activities in multiple sectors of the Syrian economy, including through Aman Holding (formerly known as the Aman Group). Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: EU-designated Samer Foz, EU-designated Aman Holding (Aman Damascus Joint Stock Company), ASM International General Trading LLC (ASM International Trading). **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13817.
- 5. RUSTOM, Saqr**  
**a.k.a:** (1) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr (2) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (3) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, Asad (4) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, As'ad (5) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr (6) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (7) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, Asad (8) AL-ROSTOM, Saqr, As'ad (9) ALRUSTOM, Saqr (10) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (11) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, Asad (12) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, As'ad (13) ALRUSTOM, Saqr (14) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (15) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, Asad (16) AL-RUSTOM, Saqr, As'ad (17) RUSTOM, Saqr (18) RUSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (19) RUSTOM, Saqr, Asad (20) RUSTOM, Saqr, As'ad (21) RUSTOM, Saqr, Asaad (22) RUSTOM, Saqr, Asad (23) RUSTOM, Saqr, As'ad **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Head of National Defence Force in Homs **Other Information:** Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Bassam Hassan (his uncle), Damas Real Estate Development and Investment LLC. **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13818.
- 6. SABRA, Abdelkader**  
**DOB:** 14/09/1955. **a.k.a:** (1) SABRA, Abd al Kader (2) SABRA, Abd el Kader (3) SABRA, Abdul, Kader, Abd al Qadr (4) SABRA, Abdul, Qadr (5) SABRAH, Abd al Kader (6) SABRAH, Abd el Kader (7) SABRAH, Abdelkader (8) SABRAH, Abdul , Kader, Abd al Qadr (9) SABRAH, Abdul, Qadr **Nationality:** 1) Syrian 2) Lebanese **Position:** Owner of Sabra Maritime Agency, ead of the Syrian-Turkish Businessmen Council, founding partner of Phoenicia Tourism Company, President of the Chamber of Maritime Navigation in Syria **Other Information:** Leading businessperson operating in Syria with multiple economic interests, especially in the maritime and tourism sectors. Close business associate of Rami Maklouf (EU-designated). Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Phoenicia Tourism Company, Sabra Maritime Agency **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13819.
- 7. TAHER, Khodr Ali**  
**DOB:** --/--/1976. **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Director and owner of Ella Media Services, founding partner of Castle Security and Protection and of Jasmine Contracting Company, Chairman and founding partner of the Syrian Hotel Management Company, Manager and owner of Ematel **Other Information:** Leading businessperson operating across multiple sectors of the Syrian economy, including private security, mobile phone retail, hotel management, advertising services and domestic money transfer. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Citadel for Protection, Guard and Security Services (Castle Security and protection), Ematel LLC (Ematel Communications), Syrian Hotel Management Company, Jasmine Contracting Company. **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13820
- 8. AL-OLABI, Adel Anwar**  
**DOB:** --/--/1976. **a.k.a:** (1) AL-OLABI, Adil, Anwar (2) EL-OULABI, Adel, Anouar **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Vice Chairman of Damascus Cham Holding Company (DCHC), Governor of Damascus **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13821.

## Entities

### 1. **AL QATARJI COMPANY**

**a.k.a:** (1) Al-Sham and Al-Darwish Company (2) Katarji Group (3) Katerji Group (4) Khatirji Group (5) Qatarji International Group **Address:** Mazzah, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** Prominent company operating across multiple sectors of the Syrian economy. Has facilitated fuel, arms and ammunition trade between the regime and various actors including ISIS (Daesh). Type of entity: private company. Business sector: import/export, trucking, supply of oil and commodities. Name of Director/Management: Hussam ALQATIRJI, CEO (EU-designated). Ultimate beneficial owner: Hussam AL-QATIRJI (EU-designated). Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Arvada/Arfada Petroleum Company JSC. **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13822.

### 2. **DAMASCUS CHAM HOLDING COMPANY**

**a.k.a:** Damascus Cham Private Joint Stock Company **Other Information:** Damascus Cham Holding Company was established by the regime as the investment arm of the Governorate of Damascus in order to manage the properties of the Governorate of Damascus and implement the Marota City project. Type of entity: Public-owned company under private law. Business sector: Real estate development. Name of Director/Management: Adel Anwar AL-OLABI, vice chairman of the Board of Directors and governor of Damascus (EU-designated). Ultimate beneficial owner: Governorate of Damascus. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Rami Makhlof (EU-designated), Samer Foz (EU-designated), Mazen Tarazi (EU-designated), Talas Group, owned by businessman Anas Talas (EU-designated), Exceed Development and Investment Company, owned by private investors Hayan Mohammad Nazem Qaddour, and Maen Rizk Allah Haykal (both EU-designated), Khaled Al-Zubaidi and Nader Qalei (both EU-designated). **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** 17/02/2020 **Group ID:** 13823.

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