DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets

Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of two individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act ("Kingpin Act") (21 U.S.C. 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182).

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pending investigation pursuant to the Kingpin Act is effective on October 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's web site (http://www.treas.gov/ofac) via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622–0077.

Background

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Act provides a statutory framework for the President to impose sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and to the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury consults with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of

Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security when designating and blocking the property of interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons who are found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

In order to carry out the purposes of the Kingpin Act, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized by the Kingpin Act to block during the pendency of an investigation all property and interests in property of any foreign country or a national thereof that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

On October 22, 2008, the Acting Director of OFAC removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons the individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pending investigation pursuant to the Kingpin Act.

The listing of the unblocked individuals follows:

1. LUNA RIVERA, Guadalupe Rocio (a.k.a. LUNA DE ARREOLA, Guadalupe Rocio; a.k.a. LUNA DE ARRIOLA, Guadalupe Rocio); Mexico; DOB 22 Sep 1970; POB Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; Citizen Mexico; Nationality Mexico; (INDIVIDUAL) [BPI–SDNTK].

2. MORALES ANDRADE, Carlos Enrique, c/o AERO CONTINENTE S.A., Lima, Peru; DOB 30 Aug 1954; LE 08779161 (Peru) (INDIVIDUAL) [BPI– SDNTK].

Dated: October 22, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control Unblocking of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers Pursuant to Executive Order 12978

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets

Control, Treasury. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of

three individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, *Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers.*

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers of three individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is effective on October 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

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Background

On October 21, 1995, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706), issued Executive Order 12978 (60 FR 54579, October 24, 1995) (the "Order"). In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the harm that they cause in the United States and abroad.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and Secretary of State: (a) To play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia; or (b) to materially assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to the Order; and (3) persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on