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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

RELAXATION OF UNITED STATES SANCTIONS AGAINST BURMA (MYANMAR)

The United States has recently relaxed its sanctions against Burma (Myanmar), in consequence of the improving political climate there, and better bilateral relations.

This means that the American Club may now, among other things, provide financial services to or involving Burma (Myanmar) (beyond its existing authorization), including P&I coverage for Members' trade with or voyages to, in and from Burma (Myanmar), subject only to limited restrictions on transactions such as those involving:

- the Burmese Ministry of Defense, including the Office of Procurement; and
- any state or non-state armed group; and
- any entity in which any of the foregoing own a 50 percent or greater interest; and
- certain Burmese banks and other entities that appear on the US sanctions "blacklist" – the List of SDNs and Blocked Persons maintained by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). See, <http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>

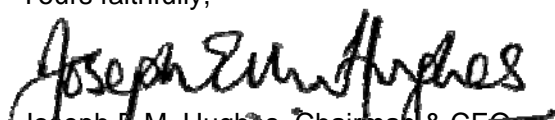
A copy of the relevant license issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control is attached hereto.

For any questions regarding any aspect of the foregoing, including the limited restrictions recited above, or with respect to Burma (Myanmar) and other sanctions in general, please contact:

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Your Managers continue to monitor developments in regard to the residual US sanctions against Burma (Myanmar), as well as other developments regarding US economic sanctions, and Members will continue to be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


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Office of Foreign Assets Control

Burmese Sanctions Regulations
31 C.F.R. Part 537

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 16

Authorizing the Exportation or Reexportation of Financial Services to Burma

(a) The exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by a U.S. person, wherever located, is authorized, subject to the limitations set forth in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this general license.

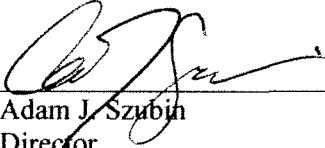
(b) For the purposes of this general license, the term *exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma* is defined in 31 C.F.R. § 537.305.

(c) This general license does not authorize, in connection with the provision of security services, the exportation or reexportation of financial services, directly or indirectly, to the Burmese Ministry of Defense, including the Office of Procurement; any state or non-state armed group; or any entity in which any of the foregoing own a 50 percent or greater interest.

(d) This general license does not authorize the exportation or reexportation of financial services, directly or indirectly, to any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 537.201(a), Executive Order 13448 of October 18, 2007, Executive Order 13464 of April 30, 2008, or Executive Order ____ of July 11, 2012,¹ except that transfers of funds pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license are authorized even though they may involve transfers to or from an account of a financial institution whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to those authorities, provided that the account is not on the books of a financial institution that is a U.S. person.

(e) This general license does not authorize any debit to a blocked account.

(f) General License No. 14-C and General License No. 15 are hereby replaced and superseded in their entirety by this general license. The transactions authorized by this General License No. 16 include the activities formerly authorized by General License No. 14-C, dated April 17, 2012, authorizing certain financial transactions in support of humanitarian, religious, and other not-for-profit activities in Burma, and General License No. 15, dated May 9, 2008, authorizing noncommercial, personal remittances to Burma.



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Dated: July 11, 2012

¹ "Blocking Property of Persons Threatening the Peace, Security, or Stability of Burma"