

ANNOUNCEMENT

Warning regarding individuals impersonating CySEC officers

Following up on the relevant Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ('CySEC') <u>announcement</u> dated 27 November 2015, CySEC would like to inform investors and the general public that it has come to its attention that its logo, and contact information that appear to be linked to CySEC, continue to be used for several types of financial scam messages and/or letters.

Specifically, unknown individuals have used email addresses such as <u>international.affairs@cysec.info</u>, and <u>cysec@cyberservices.com</u>, which do not belong or are related to CySEC, and other untruthful contact information, falsely presenting themselves as CySEC officers.

Impersonating CySEC officers, these individuals have contacted investors using the above email addresses as well as <u>recoupfirm@gmail.com</u>, <u>henrik.j@alldayoptions.com</u>, and <u>adamjhonson92@gmail.com</u>, and through various means and claims, such as the supposed payment of taxes, convinced them to transfer funds to bank accounts they designated.

CySEC would like to stress that it is not connected in any way with the above mentioned email addresses, individuals, and correspondence, and that it never sends unsolicited correspondence to investors or members of the public requesting their personal and/or bank details and/or that they make any sort of financial transaction.

Further, CySEC does not authorize, verify, monitor, or is in any way involved in payments between natural or legal entities or any public or private agencies.

CySEC urges the public to remain vigilant regarding such unsolicited communication, and in case they receive any that appears to be from CySEC but was not initiated by the recipient of such communication, and appears to ask for the transfer or payment of any amount, to confirm the authenticity of the communication by contacting <u>info@cysec.gov.cy</u> before taking any action.

Also, CySEC urges the members of the public that believe they may have already received such suspect communication to contact CySEC at <u>info@cysec.gov.cy</u>.

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