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# Global Governance Mandates

Protecting Florida's Investments Act (PFIA) Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel MacBride Principles and Northern Ireland Cuba/Syria Proxy Voting Safeguards Venezuela Prohibited Investments

# Florida Statutes



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#### About the State Board of Administration

The statutory mandate of the State Board of Administration (SBA) is to invest, manage and safeguard assets of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Trust Fund and a variety of other funds for state and local governments. FRS Trustees are dedicated to ensuring that the SBA invests assets and discharges its duties in accordance with Florida law, guided by strict policies and a code of ethics to ensure integrity, prudent risk management and top-tier performance. The SBA is an investment fiduciary under law, and subject to the stringent fiduciary duties and standards of care defined by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as incorporated into Florida law. The SBA has three Trustees: the Governor, as Chairman, the Chief Financial Officer, as Treasurer, and the Attorney General, as Secretary.

The FRS Pension Plan provides defined pension benefits to 1.1 million beneficiaries and retirees. The strong long-term performance of the FRS Pension Plan, the fourth-largest public pension fund in the nation, reflects our commitment to responsible fiscal management.

The SBA's mission is to provide superior investment management and trust services by proactively and comprehensively managing risk and adhering to the highest ethical, fiduciary, and professional standards.

We encourage you to review additional information about the SBA and FRS on our website at www.sbafla.com.

## Section 1: Protecting Florida's Investments Act (PFIA)

# **Summary**

On June 8, 2007, the PFIA was signed into law. The PFIA requires the State Board of Administration ("SBA"), acting on behalf of the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund (the "FRSTF"), to assemble and publish a list of "Scrutinized Companies" that have prohibited business operations in Sudan and Iran. Once placed on the list of Scrutinized Companies, the SBA and its investment managers are prohibited from acquiring those companies' securities and are required to divest those securities if the companies do not cease the prohibited activities or take certain compensating actions. The implementation of the PFIA by the SBA will not affect any FRSTF investments in U.S. companies. The PFIA will solely affect foreign companies with certain business operations in Sudan and Iran involving the petroleum or energy sector, oil or mineral extraction, power production or military support activities.

As of November 10, 2023, the list of sectors subject to Iranian scrutinized operations was expanded to include the energy, petrochemical, financial, construction, manufacturing, textile, mining, metals, shipping, shipbuilding, and port sectors of Iran. The SBA is working with our external research providers to implement new screens to identify revenue and investment thresholds that capture scrutinized business operations in the expanded sector list for Iran. Future quarterly reports will include any companies identified under the expanded methodology for the Iran Terrorism Sectors List.

This quarterly report is developed pursuant to Section 215.473 (4), Florida Statutes. Scrutinized activity in Sudan is defined by the Statutes as occurring within the "Government of Sudan," or the Republic of the Sudan that has its capital in Khartoum, Sudan. Note, the PFIA only applies to assets governed by Chapter 121 ("Florida Retirement System Act"), and therefore does not affect any non-FRS funds managed by the SBA.

# Primary Requirements of the PFIA

The PFIA created new reporting, engagement, and investment requirements for the SBA, including:

- 1. Quarterly reporting to the Board of Trustees of every equity security in which the SBA has invested for the quarter, along with its industry category. This report is posted on the SBA website.
- 2. Quarterly presentation to the Trustees of a Scrutinized Companies list for both Sudan and Iran for their approval. Scrutinized Company lists are available on the SBA's website, along with information on the FRSTF direct and indirect holdings of Scrutinized Companies.
- 3. Written notice to external investment managers of all PFIA requirements. Letters request that the managers of actively managed commingled vehicles (i.e., those with FRSTF and other clients' assets) consider removing Scrutinized Companies from the product or create a similar actively managed product that excludes such companies. Similar written requests must be provided to relevant investment managers within the defined contribution plan.
- 4. Written notice to any company with inactive business operations in Sudan or Iran, informing the company of the PFIA and encouraging it to continue to refrain from reinitiating active business operations. Such correspondence continues semiannually.
- 5. Written notice to any Scrutinized Company with active business operations, informing the company of its Scrutinized Company status and that it may become subject to divestment. The written notice must inform the company of the opportunity to clarify its Sudan-related or Iran-related activities and encourage the company, within 90 days, to cease its scrutinized business operations or convert such operations to inactive status.
- 6. A prohibition on further investment on behalf of the FRSTF in any Scrutinized Company once the Sudan and Iran scrutinized lists have been approved by the Trustees. All publicly traded securities of Scrutinized Companies must be divested within 12 months after the company's initial (and continued) appearance on

the Scrutinized Companies list. Divestment does not apply to indirect holdings in actively managed commingled investment funds—i.e., where the SBA is not the sole investor in the fund. Private equity funds are considered to be actively managed.

- 7. Reporting to each member of the Board of Trustees, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Scrutinized Company lists within 30 days of creation, and public disclosure of each list.
- 8. Quarterly reporting of the following to each member of the Board of Trustees, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the United States Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan, and the United States Presidential Special Envoy to Iran. The report is made publicly available and posted to the SBA's website.
  - a. A summary of correspondence with engaged companies;
  - b. A listing of all investments sold, redeemed, divested, or withdrawn;
  - c. A listing of all prohibited investments;
  - d. A description of any progress related to external managers offering PFIA compliant funds; and
  - e. A list of all publicly traded securities held directly by the State.
- 9. Adoption and incorporation into the FRSTF Investment Policy Statement (IPS) of SBA actions taken in accordance with the PFIA. Changes to the IPS are reviewed by the Investment Advisory Council (IAC) and approved by the Trustees.
- 10. Relevant Sudan portions of the PFIA are discontinued if the United States revokes all sanctions imposed against the government of Sudan, or if the Congress or President of the United States affirmatively and unambiguously states, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification from the President to Congress, that:
  - a. The Darfur genocide has been halted for at least 12 months; or
  - The government of Sudan has honored its commitments to cease attacks on civilians, demobilize
    and demilitarize the Janjaweed and associated militias, grant free and unfettered access for
    deliveries of humanitarian assistance, and allow for the safe and voluntary return of refugees and
    internally displaced persons; or
  - c. Mandatory divestment of the type provided for by the PFIA interferes with the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.
- 11. Relevant Iran portions of the PFIA are discontinued <u>if both</u> of the following occur:
  - a. The Congress <u>and</u> President of the United States affirmatively and unambiguously state, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification from the President to Congress, that the government of Iran has ceased to acquire weapons of mass destruction and support international terrorism; and
  - b. The United States revokes all sanctions imposed against the government of Iran.
- 12. Cessation of divestment and/or reinvestment into previously divested companies may occur if the value of all FRSTF assets under management decreases by 50 basis points (0.5%) or more, as a result of divestment. If cessation of divestment is triggered, the SBA is required to provide a written report to each member of the Board of Trustees, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives prior to initial reinvestment. Such condition is required to be updated semiannually.
- 13. In 2009, the Florida Legislature approved a bill requiring the SBA to identify and offer, by March 1, 2010, at least one terror-free investment product for the FRS Investment Plan. The product must allocate its funds among securities not subject to divestiture, as provided in F.S. 215.473.

- 14. As of July 1, 2014, Florida Statute 624.449 requires that a domestic insurer shall provide to the Office of Insurance Regulation on an annual basis a list of investments that the insurer has in companies included on the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List." Additionally, F.S. 215.473(3)(e)(2) now exempts Exchange Traded Funds from the provisions of the PFIA.
- 15. As of July 1, 2014, Florida Statutes clarify that the recently created "Government of South Sudan" means the Republic of South Sudan, which has its capital in Juba, South Sudan. Scrutinized activity refers to the "Government of Sudan," which means the Republic of the Sudan that has its capital in Khartoum, Sudan. Within this report, "Sudan" refers to the latter.
- 16. As of July 1, 2016, and further enhanced as of November 10, 2023, the requirements for the expiration of PFIA divestment protocol were amended and new quarterly reporting requirements were implemented. Florida Statutes require the following criteria for discontinuing <u>Iran</u> portions of the PFIA:
  - a. The Congress <u>and</u> President of the United States affirmatively and unambiguously state, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification from the President to Congress, that the government of Iran has ceased to acquire weapons of mass destruction and support international terrorism; and
  - b. The United States revokes all sanctions imposed against the government of Iran.

# **Definition of a Scrutinized Company**

The following is a brief review of the criteria on which the active business operations of companies must be judged, in accordance with subsection (1)(t) of Section 215.473, F.S.

# Sudan:

- 1. Have a material business relationship with the government of Sudan or a government-created project involving oil related, mineral extraction, or power generation activities, or
- 2. Have a material business relationship involving the supply of military equipment, or
- 3. Impart minimal benefit to disadvantaged citizens that are typically located in the geographic periphery of Sudan, or
- 4. Have been complicit in the genocidal campaign in Darfur.

#### Iran:

- 1. Have a material business relationship with the government of Iran or a government-created project involving oil related or mineral extraction activities, or the energy, petrochemical, financial, construction, manufacturing, textile, mining, metals, shipping, shipbuilding, or port sectors of Iran, or
- 2. Have made material investments with the effect of significantly enhancing Iran's petroleum sector.

Affiliates of companies with scrutinized business operations are also subject to the requirements of the PFIA. An affiliated company is generally defined as any other company that either directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the company conducting scrutinized active business operations. Control generally means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company. As well, many companies have parent-subsidiary relationships whereby a parent company may own several other companies. In such cases, the SBA has included any known parent and/or subsidiaries that can be clearly linked to a company with scrutinized active business operations. The SBA has used a 50 percent ownership threshold in determining whether companies are affiliated, examining parent company-subsidiary ownership on a pro rata basis.

The SBA views companies which have explicit plans and activities related to discontinuation of active business operations as meeting the PFIA definition of substantial action. For all identified companies, the SBA will request

information detailing company actions to discontinue its active business operations, or details regarding humanitarian efforts (applicable to Sudan only).

# SBA Scrutinized Companies Identification Methodology

The SBA has developed two lists (the Sudan List and the Iran List) of Scrutinized Companies with active business operations. The lists are developed by principally relying on the research and findings of our "External Research Providers." Below is a brief description of our External Research Providers, which are maintained to provide input from multiple sources.

- 1. **EIRIS Conflict Risk Network (CRN).** In May 2013, the Conflict Risk Network became part of EIRIS, a global provider of environmental, social, governance, and ethical performance of companies. EIRIS provides services to more than 150 asset owners and managers globally, with a staff of over 60, based primarily in London. CRN was formerly known as the Sudan Divestment Task Force (SDTF).
- 2. **MSCI ESG Research (MSCI).** MSCI delivers corporate governance analysis and research to institutional investors. Through its ESG Research unit, MSCI offers screening services with specific and unique components of state law pertaining to investments in sanctioned countries, including Sudan and Iran.
- 3. **ISS-ESG** (formerly IW Financial or IWF). On January 5, 2017, Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) announced its acquisition of IW Financial. IWF, in partnership with Conflict Securities Advisory Group (CSAG), has been a long-time provider of information on the business ties of publicly traded companies in Sudan and Iran.

Staff members within the Investment Programs & Governance unit, as well as other senior investment staff, review the assessments of the External Research Providers and other publicly available information. The SBA has utilized the following sources to evaluate over 400 companies and affiliates with reported links to Sudan or Iran:

# Company disclosures:

- SEC filings (DEF 14A Proxy Statements, 10-K & 20-F Annual Reports, etc.)
- Investor Relations/company websites
- Industry publications and analyst research

# **Investment/Finance Organizations:**

Other Institutional Investors/Private Investors

# U.S. Government Agencies:

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC)
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA)
- Congressional Research Service (CRS), Library of Congress

### Other Sources:

- SBA External Investment Managers
- U.S. Federal Sanctions Laws covering State Sponsors of Terror
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Using the previous information sources, the SBA has developed two separate categorizations of a company's involvement in Sudan and/or Iran.

1. **"Scrutinized"** — Information provided by several External Research Providers indicates that a company meets the classification of a Scrutinized Company as defined by the PFIA as set forth in Section 215.473 (1)(t)1., 2., or 3, Florida Statutes [Sudan] or Section 215.473 (4)(t)1, Florida Statutes [Iran]. Upon SBA review, a preponderance of the evidence supports the conclusions of the External Research Providers.

2. "Continued Examination" — At least one External Research Provider indicates that a company meets the classification of a Scrutinized Company as defined by the PFIA as set forth in Section 215.473, (1)(t)1., 2., or 3, Florida Statutes [Sudan] or Section 215.473, (4)(t)1, Florida Statute [Iran]. In other words, the External Research Providers do not agree on the status of a company and the SBA is unable to definitively categorize the company's activities as scrutinized without further research to resolve the differences. For companies classified as "Continued Examination," the SBA will begin an engagement process to clarify each firm's current business relationships.

# **SUDAN** Changes since the Previous PFIA Quarterly Report

(See the following page for IRAN changes.)

| Companies <u>ad</u> | <i>ded</i> t | o the <b>Suc</b> | <b>lan</b> Scrutinized | List th | nis quarter: |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|

None

Companies <u>removed</u> from the **Sudan** Scrutinized List this quarter:

None

Companies  $\underline{added}$  to the **Sudan** Continued Examination List this quarter:

None

Companies <u>removed</u> from the **Sudan** Continued Examination List this quarter:

None

# **IRAN** Changes since the Previous PFIA Quarterly Report

(See the previous page for SUDAN changes.)

Companies <u>added</u> to the **Iran** Scrutinized List this quarter:

None

Companies <u>removed</u> from the **Iran** Scrutinized List this quarter:

- CNOOC Curtis Funding No.1 Pty Ltd
  - O No longer publicly traded. Bonds have matured.

Companies <u>added</u> to the **Iran** Continued Examination List this quarter:

None

Companies <u>removed</u> from the **Iran** Continued Examination List this quarter:

None

# Quarterly Status Update Regarding Potential <u>IRAN</u> Expiration Florida Statutes, 215.473 (5) EXPIRATION (b) subparagraphs 1. and 2.

Florida Statutes require a quarterly update on events relating to the status of expiration clauses 1 and 2, which are copied below in their entirety:

- F.S. 215.473(5)(b): If <u>both</u> of the following occur, the board may no longer scrutinize companies according to subparagraph (1)(dd)4., may no longer assemble the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, and shall cease engagement, investment prohibitions, and divestment:
- 1. The Congress <u>and</u> President of the United States affirmatively and unambiguously state, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification from the President to Congress, that the government of Iran has ceased to acquire weapons of mass destruction and support international terrorism;

## Update:

October 18, 2023: The U.S. State Department issued a press release regarding Iran's weapons program:

"Iran's development, procurement, and proliferation of missiles and missile-related technology remains one of the greatest challenges to international peace and security. We see the horrific impact of Iran's provision of missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to designated terrorist organizations and militant proxies that directly threaten the security of Israel and our Gulf partners. We see the destructive result of Iran's transfer of lethal UAVs to Russia to target critical civilian infrastructure and kill civilians in Ukraine. We remain focused on addressing Iran's destabilizing proliferation activities, in particular its missile and UAV programs and the threats they pose to the world."

Source: <a href="https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-commitment-to-countering-iranian-weapons-development-and-proliferation/">https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-commitment-to-countering-iranian-weapons-development-and-proliferation/</a>

#### And

2. The United States revokes all sanctions imposed against the government of Iran.

#### Update:

September 15, 2023: The U.S. State Department announced additional sanctions and OFAC's 13th round of designations in connection with the protests in Iran that began in September 2022. The sanctions were taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13553, which imposes sanctions on certain persons with respect to serious human rights abuses by the Government of Iran; also, E.O. 13846, which authorizes sanctions on persons who engage in censorship or other activities with respect to Iran; and the counterterrorism authority E.O. 13224, as amended.

Source: https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1733

# Table 1: Scrutinized Companies with Activities in SUDAN

(New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.)

| Scrutinized Company: Sudan  | Country of Incorporation | Date of Initial Scrutinized Classification |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC)                           | China                    | September 24, 2019                         |
| AviChina Industry & Technology  | China                    | June 4, 2019                               |
| AVIC International Finance Ltd  | China                    | September 24, 2019                         |
| AVIC International Holdings Ltd (formerly listed as AVIC International) | China                    | June 4, 2019                               |
| Bank of Kunlun Co Ltd   | China                    | March 7, 2018                              |
| Chennai Petroleum Corp Ltd  | India                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)                             | China                    | December 11, 2012                          |
| China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group)                         | China                    | December 3, 2019                           |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (CPCC) Sinopec                          | China                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| China Petroleum Engineering Corp  | China                    | March 7, 2018                              |
| CNPC Capital Company Limited  | China                    | June 14, 2017                              |
| CNPC General Capital Ltd  | China                    | June 26, 2012                              |
| CNPC Global Capital Limited   | China                    | December 15, 2020                          |
| CNPC HK Overseas Capital Ltd  | China                    | June 16, 2011                              |
| Daqing Huake Group Co Ltd   | China                    | March 25, 2008                             |
| Egypt Kuwait Holding Co. SAE  | Kuwait                   | January 13, 2009                           |
| Engen Botswana  | Botswana                 | March 24, 2015                             |
| FACC AG   | Austria                  | June 4, 2019                               |
| Harbin Electric Co. Ltd.  | China                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd                                     | India                    | June 13, 2018                              |
| Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL)  | India                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Jiangxi Hongdu Aviation   | China                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| KLCC Property Holdings Bhd  | Malaysia                 | April 14, 2009                             |
| Kunlun Energy Company Ltd   | Hong Kong                | September 19, 2007                         |
| Lanka IOC Ltd   | India                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Malaysia Marine & Heavy Engineering Holdings Bhd                        | Malaysia                 | March 18, 2014                             |
| Managem SA  | Morocco                  | November 9, 2010                           |
| Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd                                 | India                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| MISC Bhd  | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                         |
| Oil India Ltd   | India                    | September 18, 2012                         |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)   | India                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)   | India                    | March 18, 2014                             |
| Perseus Mining Ltd  | Australia                | August 23, 2022                            |
| PetroChina  | China                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petroliam Nasional (Petronas)   | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                         |

| Scrutinized Company: Sudan                    | Country of<br>Incorporation | Date of Initial Scrutinized Classification |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Petronas Capital Limited                      | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Chemicals Bhd                        | Malaysia                    | June 16, 2011                              |
| Petronas Dagangan Bhd                         | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Gas Berhad                           | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Global Sukuk                         | Malaysia                    | August 2, 2016                             |
| Putrajaya Management Sdn Bhd                  | Malaysia                    | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Capital 2013 Ltd                      | China                       | September 24, 2013                         |
| Sinopec Century Bright Capital Investment Ltd | China                       | December 3, 2019                           |
| Sinopec Engineering Group Co Ltd              | China                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2018 Ltd   | China                       | December 15, 2020                          |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2017 Ltd   | China                       | September 11, 2019                         |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2016 Ltd   | China                       | August 2, 2016                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2015 Ltd   | China                       | December 15, 2020                          |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014 Ltd   | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2013 Ltd   | China                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2012 Ltd   | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| Sinopec Kantons Holdings Ltd                  | Bermuda                     | September 19, 2007                         |
| Sinopec Oilfield Equipment Corporation        | China                       | April 14, 2009                             |
| Sinopec Oilfield Service Corp                 | China                       | March 25, 2008                             |
| Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical                | China                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| Societe Metallurgique D'imiter                | Morocco                     | November 9, 2010                           |
| # of Sudan Scrutinized Companies              | 56                          |  |

The following companies were  $\underline{\text{removed}}$  from the SUDAN Scrutinized List during the quarter:

| Removed Company                         | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|---|-----------------------------|
| No companies were removed this quarter. |                             |

Table 2: Continued Examination of Companies with Possible Business Operations in SUDAN (New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.)

| Continued Examination Company: Sudan                         | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Bharat Heavy Electricals, Ltd                                | India                       |
| China Gezhouba Group Company Ltd                             | China                       |
| Dongfeng Motor Group Co Ltd                                  | China                       |
| Dongan Motor (aka Harbin Dongan Auto Engine)                 | China                       |
| Glencore Xstrata PLC   | Switzerland                 |
| Pan African Resources Plc                                    | South Africa                |
| Power Construction Corporation of China Ltd. (fka Sinohydro) | China                       |
| Shanghai Electric Group Co.                                  | China                       |
| # of Sudan Continued Examination Companies                   | 8                           |

The following companies were **removed** from the **SUDAN Continued Examination List** during the quarter:

| Removed Company                         | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|---|-----------------------------|
| No companies were removed this quarter. |                             |

Table 3: <u>Scrutinized</u> Companies with Activities in the IRAN Terrorism Sectors

New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.

| Scrutinized Company: Iran                        | Country of<br>Incorporation | Date of Initial Scrutinized Classification |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Bank of Kunlun Co Ltd                            | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| China BlueChemical Ltd.                          | China                       | March 19, 2013                             |
| China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)      | China                       | December 11, 2012                          |
| China Oilfield Services Ltd.                     | China                       | June 16, 2011                              |
| China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group)  | China                       | December 3, 2019                           |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (CPCC) Sinopec   | China                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| China Petroleum Engineering Corp                 | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| CNOOC Ltd.                                       | China                       | June 16, 2011                              |
| CNOOC Energy Technology & Services Ltd           | China                       | June 15, 2021                              |
| CNOOC Finance Limited                            | China                       | September 24, 2013                         |
| CNOOC Nexen Finance                              | Canada                      | October 17, 2017                           |
| CNPC Capital Company Limited                     | China                       | June 14, 2017                              |
| CNPC General Capital Ltd                         | China                       | December 6, 2016                           |
| CNPC Global Capital Limited                      | China                       | December 15, 2020                          |
| CNPC HK Overseas Capital Ltd.                    | China                       | June 16, 2011                              |
| COSL Finance (BVI) Limited                       | China                       | September 24, 2013                         |
| COSL Singapore Capital Ltd                       | Singapore                   | December 4, 2018                           |
| Engen Botswana                                   | Botswana                    | March 24, 2015                             |
| Gazprom  | Russia                      | September 19, 2007                         |
| Gazprom Neft                                     | Russia                      | September 16, 2008                         |
| Gazprom Promgaz                                  | Russia                      | June 4, 2019                               |
| GPN Capital SA                                   | Luxembourg                  | June 4, 2019                               |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd              | India                       | June 13, 2018                              |
| Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL)                       | India                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| KLCC Property Holdings Bhd                       | Malaysia                    | April 14, 2009                             |
| Kunlun Energy Company Ltd.                       | Hong Kong                   | September 19, 2007                         |
| Malaysia Marine & Heavy Engineering Holdings Bhd | Malaysia                    | March 18, 2014                             |
| Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.         | India                       | March 19, 2013                             |
| MISC Bhd   | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Mosenergo  | Russia                      | September 16, 2008                         |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)                    | India                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)                        | India                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| PetroChina                                       | China                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petroliam Nasional (Petronas)                    | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Capital Limited                         | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |

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|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Petronas Chemicals Bhd                        | Malaysia                    | June 16, 2011                              |
| Petronas Dagangan Bhd                         | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Gas Berhad                           | Malaysia                    | September 19, 2007                         |
| Petronas Global Sukuk                         | Malaysia                    | August 2, 2016                             |
| Putrajaya Management Sdn Bhd                  | Malaysia                    | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Capital 2013 Ltd.                     | China                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Century Bright Capital Investment Ltd | China                       | December 3, 2019                           |
| Sinopec Engineering Group Co Ltd.             | China                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2018 Ltd   | China                       | December 15, 2020                          |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2017 Ltd   | China                       | September 11, 2019                         |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2016 Ltd   | China                       | August 2, 2016                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2015 Ltd   | China                       | December 15, 2020                          |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014 Ltd   | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2013 Ltd   | China                       | March 18, 2014                             |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2012 Ltd   | China                       | March 7, 2018                              |
| Sinopec Kantons Holdings Ltd.                 | Bermuda                     | September 19, 2007                         |
| Sinopec Oilfield Equipment Corporation        | China                       | September 29, 2015                         |
| Sinopec Oilfield Service Corp                 | China                       | March 25, 2008                             |
| Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical                | China                       | September 19, 2007                         |
| Territorial Generating Company No 1           | Russia                      | June 4, 2019                               |
| # of Iran Scrutinized Companies               | 55                          |  |

The following companies were  $\underline{\text{removed}}$  from the IRAN Scrutinized List during the quarter:

| Removed Company                   | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CNOOC Curtis Funding No.1 Pty Ltd | Australia                   |

Table 4: Continued Examination of Companies with Possible Business Operations in IRAN

New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.

| Continued Examination Company: Iran                                       | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|---|-----------------------------|
| China Nonferrous Metal Industry's Foreign Engineering and<br>Construction | China                       |
| GS Engineering & Construction Corp.                                       | South Korea                 |
| GS Holdings   | South Korea                 |
| Petronet LNG Ltd.   | India                       |
| # of Iran Continued Examination Companies                                 | 4                           |

The following companies were **removed** from the **IRAN Continued Examination List** during the quarter:

| Removed Company                         | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|---|-----------------------------|
| No companies were removed this quarter. |                             |

# Table 5: Correspondence & Engagement Efforts with Scrutinized Companies

In accordance with Section 215.473(3)(a), F.S., the SBA began to engage companies on the September 19, 2007 Scrutinized Company lists. The SBA sent letters to each Scrutinized Company that was owned and held as of September 19, 2007, per the requirements of the law.

The SBA also sent written communication to other scrutinized firms since the initial company engagement effort in September 2007. Each letter encouraged the company to cease any active business operations within 90 days or convert such operations to inactive status to avoid qualifying for divestment by the SBA. In addition, the SBA sent a second letter to scrutinized companies on January 25, 2008, again requesting companies to provide all information necessary to avoid divestment.

On September 30, 2008, the SBA sent a follow-up letter to all Scrutinized Companies. Although, these companies are no longer held by the SBA, the September 30, 2008 letter was intended to once again provide notice of the requirements of the PFIA. Since our original correspondence, several companies on the scrutinized list have replied with valuable information. Each company's response and classification status is summarized below. Any company that responded to the SBA's written correspondence is highlighted in blue text.

| Company   | Company Responsive to<br>SBA Communications  | Status  |
|---|--|---|
| ABB   | Yes; January 29, 2009                        | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |
| Alstom  | Yes; October 1, 2007 and<br>October 25, 2011 | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized and CE Lists       |
| Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited                                    | Yes; October 4, 2007                         | Moved to Sudan Continued Examination List         |
| Bow Valley Energy   | Yes; October 22, 2008                        | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited                               | Yes; October 16, 2008                        | Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues        |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (Sinopec)                           | No   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| CNOOC Ltd   | Yes; October 28, 2008                        | Iran Scrutinized Classification Continues         |
| Daelim Industrial Co Ltd.   | Yes, November 13, 2018                       | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Dongfeng Motor Group Co. Ltd.                                       | No   | Moved to Sudan Continued Examination List         |
| Electricity Generating Public Co                                    | No   | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |
| ENI   | Yes; February 13, 2008 and<br>May 13, 2011   | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| GAIL (India) Limited, aka GAIL Ltd.                                 | Yes; October 5, 2010                         | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Gazprom   | Yes; November 1, 2007 and<br>August 18, 2014 | Iran Scrutinized Classification Continues         |
| Gazprom Neft  | Yes; August 15, 2013                         | Iran Scrutinized as subsidiary of Gazprom         |
| Harbin Electric Co.<br>(fka Harbin Power Equipment)                 | No   | Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues        |
| Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL)  | No   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Inpex Corp.   | Yes; October 15, 2007 and July 11, 2011      | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Kencana Petroleum   | Yes; October 31, 2008                        | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized and CE Lists       |
| Korea Electric Power (and subsidiaries, KEPCO<br>Plant/Korea Plant) | Yes; December 27, 2011                       | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |
| Kunlun Energy Company Ltd.<br>(fka: CNPC Hong Kong Limited)         | Yes; October 5, 2007 and<br>May 24, 2008     | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Lukoil OAO  | Yes; October 8, 2007                         | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Lundin Petroleum AB   | Yes; October 17, 2008                        | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |

| Company   | Company Responsive to SBA Communications                   | Status  |
|---|--|---|
| Lundin International SA                             | No   | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |
| Malaysia Marine & Heavy Engineering Holdings<br>Bhd | Yes; November 14, 2014                                     | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd             | Yes; March 8, 2013   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| MISC Bhd  | Yes; August 23, 2018; Jan 10, 2019;<br>May 16, 2022        | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Norsk Hydro   | Yes; November 30,2007                                      | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)                       | Yes; July 23, 2014   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| OMV AG  | Yes; November 6, 2007 and<br>April 14, 2010                | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Perseus Mining Ltd                                  | Yes; September 27, 2022                                    | Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues        |
| PetroChina  | Yes; December 22, 2008                                     | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Petroleo Brasileiro (Petrobras)                     | Yes; January 13, 2010                                      | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Petroliam Nasional (Petronas)                       | Yes; July 6, 2015  | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Putrajaya Management Sdn Bhd                        | Yes; September 5, 2014                                     | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Ranhill Bhd   | Yes; October 22, 2008                                      | Removed from Sudan Scrutinized List               |
| Repsol YPF  | Yes; October 15, 2007;<br>January 2013                     | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC                               | Yes; October 5, 2007; January 27, 2011; April 13, 2011     | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Sinopec Century Bright Capital                      | Yes; June 4, 2020  | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Sinopec Kantons Holdings Ltd.                       | No   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company              | No   | Iran & Sudan Scrutinized Classification Continues |
| Snam Rete Gas                                       | Yes; October 9, 2008                                       | Removed from Iran Scrutinized Classification      |
| Statoil ASA (fka: StatoilHydro)                     | Yes; February 4, 2008; January 24, 2011; June 16, 2011     | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Total Capital                                       | Yes; January 26, 2011 and<br>April 25, 2011                | Removed from Iran Scrutinized and CE Lists        |
| Total SA  | Yes; October 12, 2007; October 29,<br>2010; April 25, 2011 | Removed from Iran Scrutinized List                |
| Wärtsilä Oyj  | Yes; December 4, 2007                                      | Moved to Sudan Continued Examination List         |

# Table 6: Correspondence & Engagement Efforts with Continued Examination Companies

In addition to Scrutinized Companies, the SBA engaged companies on our initial September 19, 2007 Continued Examination company lists. The SBA also sent written communication to firms added to the Continued Examination list since the initial company engagement effort in September 2007. Such companies were asked to provide information to the SBA in order to assist us in determining the extent of their activities, if any, in Sudan and Iran. The SBA sent a follow-up letter to all companies on September 30, 2008. Each company's response and classification is summarized below. Any company that responded to the SBA's written correspondence is highlighted in blue text.

| Company   | Company Responsive to SBA<br>Communications   | Continued Examination<br>Status   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Actividades de Construccion y Servicios S.A.(ACS) | No  | Removed from Iran List            |
| Aggreko PLC                                       | Yes; January 28, 2008                         | Removed from Iran List            |
| Air Liquide                                       | Yes; November 30, 2007<br>January 28, 2008    | Removed from Iran List            |
| Aker Solutions ASA (fka Aker Kvaerner ASA)        | No  | Removed from Iran List            |
| AREF Investment Group                             | No  | Removed from Sudan List           |
| Areva SA  | Yes; October 27, 2008<br>December 29, 2009    | Removed from Sudan List           |
| Bauer Aktiengesellschaft                          | Yes; March 13, 2008                           | Removed from Sudan List           |
| BG Group  | Yes; November 23, 2007                        | Removed from Iran List            |
| Bharat Electronics Limited                        | No  | Removed from Sudan CE List        |
| Bollore Group                                     | No  | Removed from Sudan CE             |
| Costain Group PLC                                 | Yes; November 5, 2007                         | Removed from Iran List            |
| Daelim Industrial Co Ltd.                         | Yes, November 13, 2018                        | Removed from Iran List            |
| Engineers India Ltd.                              | Yes; October 16, 2008;<br>September 9, 2010   | Removed from Iran CE List         |
| Essar Oil   | Yes; January 9, 2009                          | Removed from Iran List            |
| Finmeccanica SpA                                  | No  | Removed from Sudan List           |
| Glencore Xstrata PLC                              | Yes; September 20, 2010                       | Sudan CE Classification Continues |
| GVA Consultants                                   | Yes; September 26, 2007<br>September 30, 2010 | Removed from Iran CE List         |
| ICSA India Limited                                | No  | Removed from Sudan List           |
| INA-Industrija Nafte DD Zagreb                    | Yes; April 15, 2014                           | Removed from Iran List            |
| Itochu Corp                                       | Yes; May 9, 2008                              | Removed from Iran List            |
| JGC Corp  | Yes; October 1, 2007                          | Removed from Iran List            |
| La Mancha Resources                               | Yes; October 21, 2008                         | Removed from Sudan List           |
| Linde AG  | Yes; November 14, 2007                        | Removed from Iran List            |
| Liquefied Natural Gas LNGL                        | No  | Removed from Iran List            |
| Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.                  | Yes; October 26, 2007                         | Removed from Iran List            |
| Mitsui & Co.                                      | Yes; October 17, 2007                         | Removed from Iran List            |
| Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding                 | Yes; November 21, 2007<br>December 18, 2007   | Removed from Iran and Sudan Lists |
| MMC Bhd   | No  | Removed from Sudan List           |
| Nam Fatt  | No  | Removed from Sudan List           |
| PT Citra Tubindo Tbk.                             | Yes; September 27, 2010                       | Removed from Iran CE List         |

| Company   | Company Responsive to SBA Communications   | Continued Examination<br>Status      |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| PTT Public Company Limited                                      | Yes; October 1, 2010   | Removed from Sudan CE List           |
| Saipem SpA  | Yes; December 12, 2007   | Removed from Iran Lists              |
| Samsung Engineering Co. Ltd.                                    | No   | Removed from Iran CE List            |
| Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.                               | No   | Removed from Iran List               |
| Sasol Ltd.  | Yes; May 25, 2010<br>September 29, 2010  | Removed from Iran CE List            |
| Seadrill Ltd  | Yes; September 20, 2010  | Removed from Sudan CE List           |
| Siam Cement Group (SCG)   | Yes; September 24, 2010  | Removed from Iran CE List            |
| Schlumberger Limited NV   | Yes; October 19, 2007  | Removed from Iran and Sudan Lists    |
| Siam Cement PCL   | Yes; October 21, 2008  | Removed from Iran CE List            |
| Siemens AG  | Yes; October 22, 2009 October 8, 2010 November 7, 2018; March 2019 June 2019; July 2019; February 2021  Yes; October 22, 2009 Added to Sudan Scrutinized Lis Removed from Sudan Scrutin 7/12/19 and Sudan CE List of |                                      |
| SNC - Lavalin Group Inc.  | Yes; September 25, 2007  | Removed from Iran List               |
| Sudan Telecommunications (Sudatel)                              | No   | Removed from Sudan CE Classification |
| Technip   | Yes; April 30, 2010 and<br>November 30, 2010   | Removed from Iran CE Classification  |
| The Weir Group PLC  | Yes; November 16, 2007   | Removed from Iran and Sudan Lists    |
| Total SA  | Yes; October 12, 2007  | Removed from Sudan CE Classification |
| Trevi-Finanziaria Industriale S.p.A.                            | Yes; September 17, 2010  | Removed from Iran CE List            |
| Weatherford International, Ltd.                                 | No   | Removed from Sudan List              |
| Welspun Corp. Limited<br>(fka Welspun-Gujarat Stahl Rohen Ltd.) | Yes; September 24, 2010  | Removed from Iran CE List            |

## **Key Dates for PFIA Activities**

June 8, 2007 — Legislation's effective date, upon becoming a law.

August 6, 2007 — SBA letter to state agencies requesting data on all publicly traded securities held directly by the State.

**August 20, 2007** — First of two letters to investment managers providing written notice of PFIA enactment and amendment to Schedule B of investment management contracts.

**September 19, 2007** — SBA assembles initial Scrutinized Companies lists for Sudan and Iran.

**September 20, 2007** — SBA engages companies classified as either Scrutinized or needing Continued Examination through written correspondence, subsequent conference calls and additional communication. SBA disclosed the Scrutinized Companies lists on its website, including reporting of all equities held by direct State of Florida governmental entities.

September 21, 2007 — Second of two letters to investment managers providing Scrutinized Companies lists.

**October 16, 2007** — SBA formally submits the Scrutinized Companies lists to the Florida Legislature and the United States Special Envoy to Sudan, and continues to do so every quarter.

**November 30, 2007** — SBA sends notification via email to any owned scrutinized company that has not responded to initial written correspondence. Similar notification was sent to each company classified as needing continued examination.

**January 25, 2008** — SBA sends additional notice of divestment and request for information to all Scrutinized Companies, with emphasis to companies that have been unresponsive to the SBA's prior request for the necessary information.

July 1, 2008 — In March 2008, the SBA developed a policy approach directing all affected managers to sell their remaining PFIA related holdings no later than July 1, 2008, approximately three months earlier than the statutory deadline of September 18, 2008.

**September 18, 2008** — Statutory deadline for the SBA to complete divestment of *initial* Scrutinized Companies (i.e., within 12 months of their initial appearance on the September 19, 2007 list), if they do not stop scrutinized active business operations.

March 1, 2010 — Deadline for the SBA to identify and offer at least one terror-free investment product for the FRS Investment Plan (Defined Contribution).

**Quarterly Reporting** — SBA provides quarterly updates to the Scrutinized Companies lists for Sudan and Iran, including a summary of engagement activities. PFIA quarterly reports have been issued on the following dates:

September 19, 2007 December 18, 2007 March 25, 2008 June 10, 2008 September 16, 2008 January 13, 2009 April 14, 2009 July 28, 2009 October 27, 2009 January 26, 2010 April 27, 2010 July 29, 2010 November 9, 2010 February 22, 2011 June 16, 2011 **September 20, 2011** December 6, 2011 March 20, 2012 June 26, 2012 **September 18, 2012** 

December 11, 2012

March 19, 2013 June 25, 2013 September 24, 2013 December 10, 2013 March 18, 2014 June 17, 2014 September 23, 2014 December 9, 2014 March 24, 2015 June 23, 2015 September 29, 2015 December 8, 2015 March 29, 2016 August 2, 2016 December 6, 2016 March 14, 2017 June 14, 2017 October 17, 2017 December 13, 2017 March 7, 2018 June 13, 2018

September 11, 2018 December 4, 2018 January 29, 2019 June 4, 2019 July 12, 2019 September 24, 2019 December 3, 2019 May 28, 2020 September 22, 2020 December 15, 2020 March 9, 2021 June 15, 2021 September 21, 2021 December 20, 2021 March 29, 2022 June 22, 2022 August 23, 2022 January 17, 2023 May 23, 2023 October 25, 2023

December 19, 2023

# Summary of Investments Sold, Redeemed, Divested or Withdrawn

In accordance with the PFIA, the SBA must divest all holdings of any scrutinized companies within 12 months of their original appearance on the prohibited securities list. External managers are contractually responsible for administering investments in accordance with restrictions set forth by the SBA, including the prohibited securities list of the PFIA. Historical divestment transaction data is contained in prior PFIA Quarterly Reports. The table below presents the cumulative market capitalization of scrutinized companies divested by the SBA since the PFIA's inception:

| Cumulative Divestment   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Royal Dutch Shell**   | \$215,784,700.79   |
| Total SA**  | \$214,536,015.45   |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA (Petrobras) **                         | \$206,135,264.10   |
| ENI**   | \$141,403,034.78   |
| CNOOC Ltd   | \$131,737,735.86   |
| Gazprom (a.k.a. OAO Gazprom)                                  | \$71,275,453.14    |
| Alstom**  | \$65,897,698.67    |
| Repsol YPF**  | \$53,420,179.87    |
| Statoil ASA** (fka: StatoilHydro)                             | \$46,792,677.58    |
| China Petroleum and Chemical Corp (CPCC) Sinopec              | \$38,455,440.48    |
| PetroChina  | \$25,723,158.75    |
| Inpex Corp.**   | \$24,835,110.63    |
| MISC Bhd  | \$16,448,397.44    |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd                           | \$10,916,213.94    |
| Snam Rete Gas**   | \$9,596,905.78     |
| Lukoil OAO**  | \$9,487,631.46     |
| OMV AG **   | \$8,601,977.98     |
| Shell International Finance**                                 | \$8,599,813.40     |
| China BlueChemical Ltd  | \$7,538,215.73     |
| Wärtsilä Oyj**  | \$1,797,871.96     |
| Daelim Industrial Co Ltd**                                    | \$1,566,926.73     |
| Petrofac Ltd **   | \$1,496,881.43     |
| The Weir Group PLC **   | \$1,322,666.62     |
| Petrobras International Finance**                             | \$1,148,750.00     |
| Lundin Petroleum AB **  | \$1,133,120.04     |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)                          | \$945,363.83       |
| Perseus Mining Ltd  | \$586,998.71       |
| Petrobras Energia (Participaciones) **                        | \$298,632.08       |
| FACC AG   | \$285,343.11       |
| Dongfeng Motor Group**  | \$158,623.49       |
| Electricity Generating Public Company**                       | \$121,321.38       |
| AVIC International Holdings Ltd                               | \$50,827.53        |
| Gazprom Neft  | \$37,892.73        |
| ** denotes companies no longer on the Prohibited Company list | \$1,318,664,916.97 |

# Table 7: List of <u>Prohibited</u> Investments (Scrutinized Companies)

New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.

| Prohibited Investments (Scrutinized Companies)                          | Scrutinized<br>Country | Country of<br>Incorporation | Initial Appearance on<br>Scrutinized List | Full<br>Divestment |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC)                           | Sudan                  | China                       | September 24, 2019                        | Yes                |
| AviChina Industry & Technology  | Sudan                  | China                       | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| AVIC International Finance Ltd  | Sudan                  | China                       | September 24, 2019                        | Yes                |
| AVIC International Holdings Ltd (formerly listed as AVIC International) | Sudan                  | China                       | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| Bank of Kunlun Co Ltd   | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | March 7, 2018                             | Yes                |
| Chennai Petroleum Corp Ltd  | Sudan                  | India                       | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| China BlueChemical Ltd  | Iran                   | China                       | March 19, 2013                            | Yes                |
| China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)                             | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | December 11, 2012                         | Yes                |
| China Oilfield Services Ltd   | Iran                   | China                       | June 16, 2011                             | Yes                |
| China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group)                         | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | December 3, 2019                          | Yes                |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (CPCC) Sinopec                          | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| China Petroleum Engineering Corp  | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | March 7, 2018                             | Yes                |
| CNOOC Ltd   | Iran                   | China                       | June 16, 2011                             | Yes                |
| CNOOC Energy Technology & Services Ltd                                  | Iran                   | China                       | June 15, 2021                             | Yes                |
| CNOOC Finance Limited   | Iran                   | China                       | September 24, 2013                        | Yes                |
| CNOOC Nexen Finance   | Iran                   | Canada                      | October 17, 2017                          | Yes                |
| CNPC Capital Company Limited  | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | June 14, 2017                             | Yes                |
| CNPC General Capital Ltd  | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | June 26, 2012                             | Yes                |
| CNPC Global Capital Limited   | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | December 15, 2020                         | Yes                |
| CNPC HK Overseas Capital Ltd  | Sudan & Iran           | China                       | June 16, 2011                             | Yes                |
| COSL Finance (BVI) Limited  | Iran                   | China                       | September 24, 2013                        | Yes                |
| COSL Singapore Capital Ltd  | Iran                   | Singapore                   | December 4, 2018                          | Yes                |
| Daqing Huake Group Co Ltd   | Sudan                  | China                       | March 25, 2008                            | Yes                |
| Egypt Kuwait Holding Co. SAE  | Sudan                  | Kuwait                      | January 13, 2009                          | Yes                |

| Prohibited Investments (Scrutinized Companies)   | Scrutinized<br>Country | Country of Incorporation | Initial Appearance on<br>Scrutinized List | Full<br>Divestment |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Engen Botswana                                   | Sudan & Iran           | Botswana                 | March 24, 2015                            | Yes                |
| FACC AG  | Sudan                  | Austria                  | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| Gazprom  | Iran                   | Russia                   | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Gazprom Neft                                     | Iran                   | Russia                   | September 16, 2008                        | Yes                |
| Gazprom Promgaz                                  | Iran                   | Russia                   | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| GPN Capital SA                                   | Iran                   | Luxembourg               | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| Harbin Electric Co. Ltd.                         | Sudan                  | China                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd              | Sudan & Iran           | India                    | June 13, 2018                             | Yes                |
| Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL)                       | Sudan & Iran           | India                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Jiangxi Hongdu Aviation                          | Sudan                  | China                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| KLCC Property Holdings Bhd                       | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | April 14, 2009                            | Yes                |
| Kunlun Energy Company Ltd.                       | Sudan & Iran           | Hong Kong                | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Lanka IOC Ltd                                    | Sudan                  | India                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Managem SA                                       | Sudan                  | Morocco                  | November 9, 2010                          | Yes                |
| Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd          | Sudan & Iran           | India                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Malaysia Marine & Heavy Engineering Holdings Bhd | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | March 18, 2014                            | Yes                |
| MISC Bhd   | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Mosenergo  | Iran                   | Russia                   | September 16, 2008                        | Yes                |
| Oil India Ltd                                    | Sudan                  | India                    | September 18, 2012                        | Yes                |
| Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)                    | Sudan & Iran           | India                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)                        | Sudan & Iran           | India                    | March 18, 2014                            | Yes                |
| Perseus Mining Ltd                               | Sudan                  | Australia                | August 23, 2022                           | Yes                |
| PetroChina                                       | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Petroliam Nasional (Petronas)                    | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Petronas Capital Limited                         | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Petronas Chemicals Bhd                           | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | June 16, 2011                             | Yes                |

| Prohibited Investments (Scrutinized Companies) | Scrutinized<br>Country | Country of Incorporation | Initial Appearance on<br>Scrutinized List | Full<br>Divestment |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Petronas Dagangan Bhd                          | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Petronas Gas Berhad                            | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Petronas Global Sukuk                          | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | August 2, 2016                            | Yes                |
| Putrajaya Management Sdn Bhd                   | Sudan & Iran           | Malaysia                 | March 18, 2014                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Capital 2013 Ltd                       | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | September 24, 2013                        | Yes                |
| Sinopec Century Bright Capital Investment Ltd  | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | December 3, 2019                          | Yes                |
| Sinopec Engineering Group Co Ltd               | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | March 18, 2014                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2018 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | December 15, 2020                         | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2017 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | September 11, 2019                        | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2016 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | August 2, 2016                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2015 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | December 15, 2020                         | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | March 7, 2018                             | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2013 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | March 18, 2014                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2012 Ltd    | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | March 7, 2018                             | Yes                |
| Sinopec Kantons Holdings Ltd                   | Sudan & Iran           | Bermuda                  | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Sinopec Oilfield Equipment Corporation         | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | April 14, 2009                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Oilfield Service Corp                  | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | March 25, 2008                            | Yes                |
| Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical                 | Sudan & Iran           | China                    | September 19, 2007                        | Yes                |
| Societe Metallurgique D'imiter                 | Sudan                  | Morocco                  | November 9, 2010                          | Yes                |
| Territorial Generating Company No 1            | Iran                   | Russia                   | June 4, 2019                              | Yes                |
| # of Prohibited Investments                    | 70                     | -                        | -   |                    |

The following companies were  $\underline{\text{removed}}$  from the PFIA Prohibited Investments List this quarter.

| Removed Company                   | Country of<br>Incorporation |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| CNOOC Curtis Funding No.1 Pty Ltd | Australia                   |  |

## Table 8: SBA Holdings in Prohibited Investments Subject to Divestment

The SBA currently has no holdings in companies on the Prohibited Investments List in accounts subject to the PFIA divestiture requirements.

#### Summary of Progress, SBA Investment Manager Engagement Efforts

On August 20, 2007, the SBA sent letters to external investment managers notifying them of the Act and informing them of new contract language that would enforce their cooperation with the requirements of the new law.

On September 19, 2007, the SBA sent letters to all affected managers outlining the list of prohibited securities for any future purchases. The letter described the SBA's engagement process with companies on the list, which affords companies a 90-day period in which to comply with the conditions of the law or clarify their activities. The letter directed these managers to cease purchase of securities on the list and to await the direction of the SBA for any divestment necessary in the event engagement fails, with a deadline for divestment under the law of September 18, 2008.

On September 19, 2007, the SBA sent letters to actively-managed, indirectly held funds holding scrutinized securities, including managers of the defined contribution program, asking the funds to review the list of scrutinized securities and consider eliminating such holdings from the portfolio or create a similar fund, devoid of such holdings, per the requirements of the law.

Each quarter, the SBA sends written and electronic notification to all affected managers about the list of prohibited companies.

The SBA has received responses noting our concerns in writing and by phone from several of the contacted managers.

# Listing of All Publicly Traded Securities (Including Equity Investments)

Due to the large number of individual securities and the volume of information, this list has been electronically posted to the SBA's website and is updated quarterly. A list of all publicly traded securities owned by the State of Florida can be found within the <a href="PFIA">PFIA information section</a> of the SBA's website. Please observe the electronic report's notes page for important clarifying explanations of included data.

In accordance with the PFIA, the SBA will report on the performance implications of PFIA-related divestitures and restrictions. Generally, the impact of PFIA legislation on performance is measured as the opportunity cost of not being able to hold prohibited securities, measured by comparing the monthly return of the standard foreign equity benchmark (i.e., the MSCI ACWI ex-US) to a custom foreign equity benchmark based upon PFIA divestiture requirements. The difference in returns between the standard benchmark and custom benchmark represents the opportunity cost to the SBA of not being able to invest in (or hold) prohibited companies. The percent return difference is then applied to the average monthly balance of foreign equity investments to determine a dollar impact. Monthly dollar impacts, whether positive or negative, are added together through time and then compared to the total value of the FRS Pension Plan to determine the percentage or basis point impact of PFIA legislation.

# Section 2: Prohibited Investments by the SBA, Companies that Boycott Israel Section 215.4725 F.S.

#### Summary

In 2016, the SBA was directed by state law to create a "scrutinized companies that boycott Israel" list, composed of companies that participate in a boycott of Israel including actions that limit commercial relations with Israel or Israeli-controlled territories in a discriminatory manner. The SBA is prohibited from acquiring direct holdings of the companies on this list. The law requires the SBA to use best efforts in identifying companies that boycott Israel, publish the list on a quarterly basis, send written notice to the companies, engage with the SBA's external managers concerning holdings of the companies on the list, and publish a list of the SBA's directly-held securities and certain other information detailed below.

**UPDATE**: During the 2023 session, the legislature revised section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, **requiring divestment of companies on the** *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list **within 12 months, if engagement efforts fail**. Previously, there was only a prohibition on further purchases of companies on the list. Section 215.4725 F.S. applies only to assets governed by Chapter 121 ("Florida Retirement System Act"), and therefore does not affect any non-FRS funds managed by the SBA.

The 2023 statutory changes also expanded the term, "boycott of Israel", to include the following:

The term includes taking adverse action, including changes to published commercial financial ratings, risk ratings, and controversy ratings based on nonpecuniary factors, to inflict economic harm on Israel or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories. The term includes trade practices that are prohibited by federal regulations issued in compliance with 50 U.S.C. s. 4842 and does not include trade practices that are preempted by federal law.

# Primary Requirements of Section 215.4725 F.S.

# 1. Identification of companies

As required by statute, the SBA will make best efforts to identify all scrutinized companies in which the SBA has indirect or direct holdings or possibly could have holdings in the future. The SBA reviews publicly available information, including from NGOs, non-profits, government entities and research firms. SBA staff is also frequently in contact with other institutional investors regarding anti-BDS efforts. Since the law went into effect, SBA staff has communicated with several stakeholder groups in our efforts to learn more about individual company activities and determine whether they meet the criteria of the Florida statute.

SBA contracts with external research providers to obtain information on companies that are potentially engaging in BDS activities, and SBA staff incorporates the information in making a final determination of scrutinized status based on Florida statute. External research providers sell their research to a variety of subscribers, and they do not compile their lists specific to Florida law. The SBA currently contracts with ISS and MSCI. Companies that use ESG investment policies in a broadly applied manner are generally not considered by SBA to be acting in a "discriminatory manner" toward Israel.

Using various information sources, the SBA has developed two separate categorizations of a company's status for consideration under this law.

**"Scrutinized"** — Information provided by an external research provider, publicly available information or information from the company itself or another reliable source indicates that a company meets the classification of a Scrutinized Company as defined by Florida law.

**"Continued Examination"** — Information suggests but does not clearly demonstrate that a company's activities are a boycott of Israel. The SBA is unable to definitively categorize the company's activities as

scrutinized without further research to resolve the ambiguity. For companies classified as "Continued Examination," the SBA will begin an engagement process to clarify each firm's current business relationships.

The following definitions are provided by Florida Statutes to assist in company identification:

"Scrutinized companies" means companies that boycott Israel or engage in a boycott of Israel.

"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal, terminating business activities, or taking other actions to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner. A statement by a company that it is participating in a boycott of Israel, or that it has initiated a boycott in response to a request for a boycott of Israel or in compliance with, or in furtherance of, calls for a boycott of Israel, may be considered by the State Board of Administration to be evidence that a company is participating in a boycott of Israel. The term includes taking adverse action, including changes to published commercial financial ratings, risk ratings, and controversy ratings based on nonpecuniary factors, to inflict economic harm on Israel or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories. The term includes trade practices that are prohibited by federal regulations issued in compliance with 50 U.S.C. s. 4842 and does not include trade practices that are preempted by federal law.

"Direct holdings" are company securities held directly by the SBA or accounts in which SBA owns all interest (such as non-commingled funds).

"Indirect holdings" are company securities that are held in collective investment with other investors, such as commingled funds and mutual funds.

## 2. Publish and reporting

By the first meeting of the Trustees of the SBA after August 1, 2016, the SBA will publicly release the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list and thereafter provide quarterly updates of the list based on evolving information and events.

The SBA shall file a report with each member of the Board of Trustees of the SBA, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the President of the Florida Senate within 30 days after the list is created and shall make the report publicly available. At each quarterly trustee meeting thereafter, the SBA shall file a publicly available report to these persons. The quarterly reports will include:

- a. A summary of correspondence with companies engaged by the SBA as required above.
- b. All prohibited investments (Scrutinized Companies list).
- c. Any progress made with respect to requests of SBA's external managers to remove scrutinized companies from indirect holdings or create similar funds devoid of such holdings.
- d. A list of all publicly held securities held directly by the SBA.

Actions taken in compliance with this section must be adopted and incorporated into the Investment Policy Statement as provided in Section 215.4725, F.S.

# 3. Engagement

The SBA is required to determine the companies on the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list in which the SBA has direct or indirect holdings. For each company newly identified after August 1, 2016, the public fund shall send a written notice informing the company of its scrutinized company status and that it may become subject to investment prohibition by the public fund. The notice must inform the company of the

opportunity to clarify its activities regarding the boycott of Israel and encourage the company to cease the boycott of Israel within 90 days to avoid qualifying for investment prohibition or divestment.

If, within 90 days after the public fund's first engagement with a company pursuant to this paragraph, the company ceases a boycott of Israel, the company shall be removed from the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list, and the provisions of this section shall cease to apply to that company unless that company resumes a boycott of Israel.

#### 4. Divestment

The requirement to divest of any entity on the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list was added as of the 2023 Florida Statutes, and includes the following: if, after 90 days following the SBA's first engagement, the company continues to boycott Israel, the public fund must sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the company from the public fund within 12 months after the company's most recent appearance on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List.

#### 5. Prohibition

The SBA may not acquire directly held securities of companies on the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list. Indirect holdings are exempt from the prohibition (such as commingled accounts, index funds and mutual funds). The SBA will submit letters to the managers of such investment funds which hold companies from the Scrutinized Companies list requesting that they consider removing the companies from the fund or creating a similar fund devoid of such holdings. SBA shall replace applicable investments in the similar fund devoid of such holdings in an expedited timeframe subject to prudent investing standards if the manager complies with such a request. Exchange-traded funds are also exempted from the prohibition and divestment requirements, without the requirement to contact the fund management. A cessation of the investment prohibition and divestment is allowed if the fund has evidence that the assets under management become equal or less than 99.5% of the hypothetical fund value assuming no investment prohibition had occurred. This must be reported to the parties listed in "Publish and reporting" and updated semi-annually for the cessation to be authorized.

Table 9: Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel

New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.

| Scrutinized Company that Boycott Israel                         | Country of Incorporation | Date of Initial Scrutinized<br>Classification | Full Divestment                      |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Betsah Invest SA  | Luxembourg               | August 2, 2016                                | Yes                                  |
| Betsah SA   | Luxembourg               | August 2, 2016                                | Yes                                  |
| Cactus SA   | Luxembourg               | August 2, 2016                                | Yes                                  |
| Co-operative Group Limited                                      | United Kingdom           | September 26, 2017                            | Yes                                  |
| Guloguz Dis Deposu Ticaret Ve Pazarlama Ltd                     | Turkey                   | August 2, 2016                                | Yes                                  |
| Morningstar, Inc (Sustainalytics)                               | United States            | October 25, 2023                              | Prior to 10/25/24<br>if not resolved |
| Unilever PLC (Ben & Jerry's parent company)                     | United Kingdom           | July 29, 2021                                 | Prior to 10/25/24                    |
| Hindustan Unilever Ltd  | India                    | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| PT Unilever Indonesia Tbk                                       | Indonesia                | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Bangladesh Ltd   | Bangladesh               | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Capital Corp<br>(Unilever PLC bond issuance)           | United States            | July 29, 2021                                 | Prior to 10/25/24                    |
| Unilever Caribbean Ltd  | Trinidad and Tobago      | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Consumer Care Ltd                                      | Bangladesh               | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Côte d'Ivoire  | Ivory Coast              | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Finance Netherlands BV<br>(Unilever PLC bond issuance) | Netherlands              | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Ghana Ltd  | Ghana                    | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Nigeria Plc  | Nigeria                  | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| Unilever Pakistan Foods Ltd                                     | Pakistan                 | July 29, 2021                                 | Yes                                  |
| # of Companies that Boycott Israel                              | 18                       |   |                                      |

No companies were **removed** from the **Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List** during the quarter.

**9/21/2021:** Unilever PLC (and all tradeable subsidiaries) were added to the *Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel* list on July 29, 2021. Florida Statutes address the termination of business activities and limitation of commercial relations in Israeli-controlled territories that were present in recent actions by Ben & Jerry's, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unilever PLC. The company letter of July 19, 2021, announced plans to stop selling its ice cream in the West Bank and Gaza. Ben & Jerry's also plans to terminate its license, as of year-end 2022, with the Israeli partner who has manufactured and distributed Ben & Jerry's products in Israel since 1987.

**6/29/2022:** Unilever announced it had reached a new arrangement for Ben & Jerry's products in Israel. The company sold its Ben & Jerry's business interests in Israel to Avi Zinger, the owner of American Quality Products Ltd (AQP), the current Israel-based licensee. Soon after this announcement, Ben & Jerry's sued parent company Unilever regarding the agreement. On July 14, 2022, Ben & Jerry's and Unilever announced plans to seek mediation over the disputed sale of the ice cream maker's Israeli business to a local licensee. Pending resolution of the mediation process and any related BDS activities, Unilever and affiliates remain on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List at this time.

Table 10: Continued Examination Companies that Boycott Israel

New companies on the list are shaded and in bold.

| Continued Examination Company: Israel | Country of<br>Incorporation |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| No companies listed at this time.     |                             |

# The following companies were <u>removed</u> from the **Companies that Boycott Israel Continued Examination List** during the quarter:

| Removed Company | Country of<br>Incorporation |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Siemens AG      | Germany                     |  |

Table 11: Correspondence & Engagement Efforts

In accordance with Section 215.4725, F.S., the SBA began to engage companies on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel and Continued Examination lists. The SBA sent letters to each company per the requirements of the law. Each company's response and classification status is summarized below. Any company that responded to the SBA's written correspondence is highlighted in blue text.

| Company                                     | Company Responsive to<br>SBA Communications                 | Status                                  |
|---|---|---|
| Cactus SA                                   | No  | Remains on Scrutinized List             |
| Betsah Invest SA                            | No  | Remains on Scrutinized List             |
| Betsah SA                                   | No  | Remains on Scrutinized List             |
| FreedomCall Ltd                             | Yes, November 4, 2016                                       | Removed from Scrutinized List           |
| Co-operative Group Ltd                      | No  | Remains on Scrutinized List             |
| Cooperative Group Gomersall                 | No  | Removed from Scrutinized List           |
| Guloguz Dis Deposu Ticaret Ve Pazarlama Ltd | No  | Remains on Scrutinized List             |
| U2u Consult NV                              | Yes, December 29, 2016                                      | Removed from Scrutinized List           |
| Danske Bank                                 | Yes, multiple dates   | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| Dexia                                       | Yes, multiple dates   | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| Aldi  | No  | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| ASN Bank NV                                 | No  | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| HEMA BV                                     | No  | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| Karsten Farms                               | No  | Removed from Continued Examination List |
| Airbnb                                      | Yes, multiple dates   | Removed from Scrutinized List           |
| Unilever PLC                                | Yes, multiple dates (including<br>August 24, 2023 response) | Remains on Scrutinized List             |

# Section 3: Investments in Publicly Traded Companies Operating in Northern Ireland (Section 215.4702 F.S.)

### **Summary**

The SBA is subject to s. 215.4702, Florida Statutes (F.S.) ("MacBride Principles"), which directs the SBA to notify publicly traded companies of support for the MacBride Principles, inquire regarding the actions a company has taken in support of or furtherance of the MacBride Principles, and encourage publicly traded companies with certain business operations in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles. In addition, the SBA will also demonstrate support for the MacBride Principles through its proxy voting authority.

#### Requirements of the Law

As defined by the Northern Ireland statute, "publicly traded company" is any business organization having equity securities listed on a national or an international exchange that is regulated by a national or an international regulatory authority. In addition, "operating" is defined as actively engaging in commerce geographically in Northern Ireland through the acquisition, development, maintenance, ownership, sale, possession, lease, or operation of equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, or personal property.

# **Publishing and Reporting**

In making the determination specified in subsection (2) of 215.4702, F.S., the SBA may, to the extent it deems appropriate, rely on available public information, including information provided by nonprofit organizations, research firms, international organizations, and government entities.

The SBA is encouraged to determine which publicly traded companies, in which the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund is invested, operate in Northern Ireland. If the SBA determines that a publicly traded company meets such criteria, it is encouraged to engage with the company and determine its support for the MacBride Principles. SBA staff annually reviews the list of companies that meet the definition of publicly traded companies operating in Northern Ireland, and periodically engages those firms.

Update: During Q4 2021, the SBA conducted an engagement with all owned firms determined to have operations in Northern Ireland. The SBA sent letters to 219 firms, encouraging support for and adoption of the MacBride Principles.

# Section 4: Companies Operating in Cuba or Syria (Section 215.471 F.S.)

### **Summary**

The Free Cuba Act of 1993 was passed by the Florida Legislature in accordance with federal law. Chapter 215.471 of the Florida Statutes prohibits the SBA from investing in: (1)(a) any institution or company domiciled in the United States, or foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the United States, doing business in or with Cuba, or with agencies or instrumentalities thereof in violation of federal law; and (1)(b) any institution or company domiciled outside of the United States if the President of the United States has applied sanctions against the foreign country in which the institution or company is domiciled. Section (2)(a) states the SBA may not be a fiduciary with respect to voting on, and may not have the right to vote in favor of, any proxy resolution advocating expanded U.S. trade with Cuba or Syria.

# Requirements of the Law

In order to comply with this law, the U.S. State Department and/or the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) are contacted periodically to confirm that no sanctions have been implemented. Since the Act's inception, sanctions have never been issued against any country. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, there were no shareowner proposals related to expanding trade with Cuba or Syria.

## Section 5: Companies Operating in Venezuela

During the 2018 session, the Florida Legislature passed HB 359, prohibiting certain investments related to the Venezuelan government. The bill was signed into law by Governor Rick Scott and is effective July 1, 2018.

Florida Statute, 215.471 now requires that:

The State Board of Administration shall divest any investment under s. 121.151 and ss. 215.44-215.53, and is prohibited from investment in stocks, securities, or other obligations of:

- (c)1. Any institution or company domiciled in the United States, or foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the United States, doing business in or with the government of Venezuela, or with any agency or instrumentality thereof, in violation of federal law. The term "government of Venezuela" means the government of Venezuela, its agencies or instrumentalities, or any company that is majority-owned or controlled by the government of Venezuela.
- 2. The Governor may waive the requirements of this paragraph if the existing regime in Venezuela collapses and there is a need for immediate aid to Venezuela before the convening of the Legislature or for other humanitarian reasons as determined by the Governor.

Florida Statute 215.472 addresses state agencies and requires that:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, is prohibited from investing in: (3)(a) Any financial institution or company domiciled in the United States, or foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the United States which, directly or through the United States or foreign subsidiary, extends credit of any kind or character, advances funds in any manner, or purchases or trades any goods or services with the government of Venezuela, or any company doing business in or with the government of Venezuela, in violation of federal law. The term "government of Venezuela" means the government of Venezuela, its agencies or instrumentalities, or any company that is majority-owned or controlled by the government of Venezuela

(b) The Governor may waive the requirements of this subsection if the existing regime in Venezuela collapses and there is a need for immediate aid to Venezuela before the convening of the Legislature or for other humanitarian reasons as determined by the Governor.

On August 16th, 2017, the Trustees of the State Board of Administration set forth a resolution condemning the oppression of the Venezuelan citizens under the current regime and set language to be included in the State Board of Administration's Investment Policy Statement (Florida Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan) upon review of the Investment Advisory Council, and in accordance with s.215.475(2) Florida Statutes. The resolution included the following:

- 1. <u>Prohibited Investments</u>. Until such time as the SBA determines it is otherwise prudent to do so, the SBA is prohibited from investing in:
  - (a) any financial institution or company domiciled in the United States, or foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the United States, which directly or through a United States or foreign subsidiary and in violation of federal law, makes any loan, extends credit of any kind or character, advances funds in any manner, or purchases or trades any goods or services in or with the government of Venezuela; and
  - (b) any securities issued by the government of Venezuela or any company that is majority-owned by the government of Venezuela.
- 2. <u>Proxy Voting</u>. The SBA will not vote in favor of any proxy resolution advocating the support of the Maduro Regime in Venezuela.

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