



Warning Notice

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Warning Notices contain the names of entities recently brought to OSFI’s attention through some form of notice, inquiry or complaint. If these entities, or persons purporting to represent them, are operating in Canada, they may be violating provisions of the *Bank Act*, other federal financial institution legislation, other federal legislation, or provincial legislation.

A cumulative list of entities on previous Warning Circulars, Notices or Advisories is available on OSFI’s Web site at http://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/osfi/index_e.aspx?ArticleID=166

<i>Name and Address of Entity</i>	<i>Web Address / Related Entity(ies)</i>	<i>Agency to contact with any further information</i>
<p>Premiere Insurance Group Toronto, ON</p> <p><i>(Not connected with The Premiere General Insurance Group, a legitimate insurance company headquartered in Winnipeg, MB, or its affiliates.)</i></p>	<p>Berkshire Investments</p> <p><i>(Not connected with Berkshire Securities Inc., Berkshire Investment Group Inc., Berkshire Insurance Services Inc., which are legitimate financial and insurance companies headquartered in Burlington, Ontario, or their affiliates.)</i></p>	<p>OSFI; and Phonebusters National Call Centre (PNCC) Box 686 North Bay ON P1B 8J8 Web site: www.phonebusters.com Telephone: 1 (888) 495-8501 (toll-free in Canada and the USA) Fax: 1 (888) 654-9426 (toll-free in Canada and the USA) Telephone: 1 (705) 495-8501 (overseas and local) Fax: 1 (705) 494-4008 (overseas and local)</p>
<p>Crestal Bank 705, Ste-Catherine Montreal, Quebec H3B 4G5</p>	<p>http://www.crestalbank.net</p>	<p>Regular e-mail: info@phonebusters.com Address for “Nigerian” scam letters: wafi@phonebusters.com</p>

The above entities are not federally regulated financial institutions.. They are fictional entities and may be part of various advance fee scams (see OSFI's Warning Notice No. 23, dated February 2002). (Also see OSFI's Warning Notice No. 35, dated September 2002, for more information on identity theft in advance fee scams.)

Scam letters should be forwarded to the PNCC, a joint partnership between the Ontario Provincial Police and the RCMP. The PNCC is interested in receiving copies of any new versions of the scam letters, particularly those involving Canadian mailing addresses or telephone numbers. This intelligence information is used to assist in the strategic targeting of would-be fraudsters.

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