



Warning Notice

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The name(s) listed below is/are not authorized federally regulated financial institution(s).

| <i>Name and Address of Entity</i> | <i>Web Address / Related Entity(ies)</i> | <i>Agency to contact with any further information</i> |
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| <p>Borealis International 311 George Street Peterborough, ON Canada K9J 3H3</p> | <p>http://www.borealisglobal.com/index.htm http://www.borealisfinancial.com (note: these two sites appear to have been taken off-line) and The Laiki Group and The Synergy Group</p> | <p>Phonebusters</p> |

Borealis International is soliciting deposits which it claims are “guaranteed by a Canadian Trust, to grow 10% - 18% Per Year”. Material previously posted to the above web site claimed that such deposits were “insured by one of the world’s 3 largest re-insurance companies. Canada Deposit Insurance Corporate protection (CDIC) only protects the first \$100,000 Cda\$ in banking products. We protect you beyond that.”

The Borealis web site also indicated that deposit taking was offered through “Atlantic Trust Company”.

Members of the public should note the following facts:

1. Atlantic Trust Company Inc. (“Atlantic Trust”) is a trust company incorporated under a private Act of the legislature of Prince Edward Island. It has its registered and head office address at 15 Queen Street, PO Box 429, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7K7
2. Atlantic Trust is not authorized to accept deposits and is not a member of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.
3. OSFI has been advised by Atlantic Trust that there is no arrangement between Borealis International (or any related entity) and Atlantic Trust as described in the Borealis International material on the above web sites.
4. Borealis International is not a federally regulated financial institution in Canada.

OSFI continues to receive information regarding entities posing as financial institutions. It is believed that some of these entities are part of various advance fee or “Nigerian letter” scams. The public is advised to use caution in dealing with anyone claiming association with a financial entity not known to them. **In particular, members of the public should not make any advance payment (no matter what label is attached to it) for the purposes of opening an account, paying a government fee, or similar.** In almost all cases, fraudsters request payment to be sent via money remittance to an individual, not the named financial entity. Legitimate money transfers cannot be wired or otherwise remitted directly to entities that do not exist.

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.

Scam letters should be forwarded to the Phonebusters National Call Centre (PNCC) as follows:

Mail: 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)

Regular e-mail: info@phonebusters.com

Advance fee fraud (“Nigerian”) letters: waf1@phonebusters.com

Phonebusters is a joint partnership between the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They are interested in receiving copies of any new versions of the scam letters, particularly those involving Canadian mailing addresses or telephone numbers. Records relating to the payment of advance fees should also be forwarded to Phonebusters. This intelligence information is used to assist in the strategic targeting of would-be fraudsters.

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