



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>Alliance Central Bank First Canadian Place King & Bay Streets Toronto, ON M5X 1K7</p>	<p>www.alliancecentral.com</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) Regular e-mail: info@phonebusters.com Address for “Nigerian” scam letters: waf1@phonebusters.com</p>

The above entity is not a federally regulated financial institution. It is a fictional entity and may be part of various advance fee scams (see OSFI’s Warning Notice No. 23, dated February 2002).

<p>Witherspoon, Seymour and Robinson Inc.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>OSFI; and</p> <p>Registrar of International and Foreign Companies P.O. Box 3265 Apia, Samoa Telephone: 011 [685] 24-071 Fax: 011 [685] 20-880 E-mail: offshore@iesamoa.net</p> <p>Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Enforcement & Compliance Division 250 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20219 U.S.A. Web site: http://www.occ.treas.gov Fax: 1 (202) 874-5301 E-mail: occalertresponses@occ.treas.gov</p>
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The Office of the Registrar of International and Foreign Companies, Samoa, has informed OSFI that this company is promoting "pre-approved banking licences" issued by Samoa. The company is not a licensed trustee company in Samoa, which is the only entity permitted to submit licence applications. Accordingly, it has no legal authority to promote or solicit buyers for entities available under Samoa's offshore legislation. Furthermore, Samoa does not and has never issued "pre-approved banking licences."

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