

## Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada Bureau du surintendant des institutions financières Canada



## Warning Notice

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Warning Notices contain the names of entities <u>recently</u> 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

Name and Address of Entity	Web Address / Related Entity(ies)	Agency to contact with any further information
Continental Financial & Security Trust Services 75 Wilson Avenue East Toronto, Ontario M3V 4C4	www.cfsts.com	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
Banque International Pour Le Commerce Et L'Industrie De La Offshore Canada Unknown	none	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)
The Equity International Clearing Agency 1980 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec H3H 1E8	Equity Financial Trust www.equityfinancialtrust.com	Regular e-mail: info@phonebusters.com Address for "Nigerian" scam letters: wafl@phonebusters.com
First Canadian Bank 2590 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M6T 6G5	http://ecybers.com/willwe bcreate/Signature5/index. htm	

First Citizens Bank* Suite 1404 242 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M1N 2H3	None	
Alliance Financial Trust 133 Richmond Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2L3	www.alliancefinanicaltrust.com  Credit Worlds Inc. 15 Kingstown Road St. Vincent & The Grenadines ***and*** 23 Castries Street St. Lucia West Indies www.creditworlds.net	OSFI; and Phonebusters National Call Centre (see above)  Eastern Caribbean Central Bank P.O. Box 89 Basseterre St. Kitts West Indies Telephone: (869) 465-2537 Facsimile: (869) 465-9562 E-mail: eccbinfo@caribsurf.com

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).

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.

## \*First Citizens Bank of Toronto, Ontario is not connected with the following legitimate financial institutions:

- First Citizens Bank, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Trinidad & Tobago
- First Citizens Bank, South Carolina, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Presque Isle, Maine, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Columbia Falls, Montana, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Luverne, Alabama, USA
- First Citizens Bank, Talladega, Alabama, USA
- First Citizens National Bank, North Iowa, USA
- First Citizens National Bank, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, USA
- First Citizens National Bank, Dyersburg, Tennessee, USA
- First Citizens State Bank, Whitewater, Wisconsin, USA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Bank, Polson, Montana, USA
- Citizens Bank of Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia

Financial **Transactions Reporting Agency** of North America (FINTRANA)

**Glasgow Cresent** 

Ottawa, Ontario

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Phonebusters National Call Centre (PNCC)

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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:

wafl@phonebusters.com

**FINTRAC** 24<sup>th</sup> Floor

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Ottawa, Ontario

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Telephone: 1 (866) 346-8722 (toll-free in Canada

and the USA)

Facsimile: 1(866) 538-0880 (toll-free in Canada

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The above entity is not a legitimate government agency. It is fictitious and may be part of an advance fee scam. It has no connection to the Financial Transactions & Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), which is a legitimate government agency. (See OSFI's Warning Notice No. 35, dated September 2002, for more information on identity theft in advance fee scams.)

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