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Sanctions program: Syrien: Verordnung vom 8. Juni 2012 über Massnahmen gegenüber

Syrien (SR 946.231.172.7), Anhang 7 Origin: EU Sanctions: Art. 10 Abs. 1

(Finanzsanktionen) und Art. 17 Abs. 1 (Ein- und Durchreiseverbot)

Sanctions program: Syrie: Ordonnance du 8 juin 2012 instituant des mesures à l'encontre de la Syrie (RS 946.231.172.7), annexe 7 **Origin:** EU **Sanctions:** art. 10, al. 1 (Sanctions

financières) et art. 17, al. 1 (Interdiction de séjour et de transit)

Sanctions program: Siria: Ordinanza dell'8 giugno 2012 che istituisce provvedimenti nei confronti della Siria (RS 946.231.172.7), allegato 7 **Origin:** EU **Sanctions:** art. 10 cpv. 1

(Sanzioni finanziarie) e art. 17 cpv. 1 (Divieto di entrata e di transito)

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Individuals

SSID: 200-41292 Name: Yasser Aziz Abbas

Sex: M DOB: 22 Aug 1978 Good quality a.k.a.: a) Yaser (Yasr) b) Aziz c) Abbas (Abas)

Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson operating in Syria. Supports and/or benefits from the regime through business dealings, including fuel smuggling and weapons transfers. Yasser Aziz Abbas profits from facilitating oil imports on behalf of the Syrian regime and uses his relations with the regime to obtain preferential dealings and treatment. **Other information:** Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Bajaa Trading Services LLC, Qudrah Trading, Tafawoq Tourism Projects Company, Top Business, Yang King, Al-Aziz Group **Modifications:** Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41302 Name: Mahir Burhan Eddine Al-Imam

Sex: M Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson operating in Syria with business interests in tourism, telecommunications and real estate. As General Manager of the regime-backed Telsa Communication Group as well as of Castro LLC, and through his other business interests, Mahir BurhanEddine Al-Imam benefits from the regime and supports its financing and lobbying policy as well as its construction policy. Other information: a) Position: General Manager of Telsa Group/Telsa Telecom b) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Telsa Group/Telsa Telecom; Tazamon Contracting LLC; Castro LLC

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SSID: 200-41309 Name: Waseem Al-Kattan

Sex: M DOB: 4 Mar 1976 Good quality a.k.a.: a) Wasseem (Wassim, Wasim) b) Anouar c)

Al-Katan (Al-Qattan, Al-Qatan) Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson operating in Syria benefitting from and supporting the regime. Owner of multiple businesses and holding companies with interests and activities in various economic sectors such as real estate, luxury hotel industry and commercial centres. Waseem Al-Kattan rose rapidly as a leading businessman by imposing taxes on goods smuggled into Eastern Ghouta under siege, and is now involved in

aggressive forms of clientelism to the benefit of the regime. Waseem Al-Kattan benefits financially from favoured access to public tenders as well as to licences and contracts awarded by government agencies as a result of his close ties to the regime. **Other information:** a) Position: President of Damascus Countryside (Rural) Province Chamber of Commerce b) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Larosa Furniture/Furnishing; Jasmine Fields Company Ltd.; Muruj Cham (Murooj al-Cham) Investment and Tourism Group; Adam and Investment LLC; Universal Market Company LLC; Treasurer of the Federation of Syrian Chambers of Commerce **Modifications:** Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41320 **Name**: Amer Foz

Sex: M **DOB:** 11 Mar 1976 **Nationality:** Syrian Arab Republic **Identification document:** Passport No. 06010274747, Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson with personal and family business interests and activities in multiple sectors of the Syrian economy, including through Aman Holding (formerly known as the Aman Group). Through Aman Holding, he benefits financially from access to commercial opportunities and supports the Assad regime, including through involvement in the regime-backed development of Marota City. Since 2012, he has also been General Manager of ASM International Trading LLC. He is also associated with his brother Samer Foz, who has been designated by the EU since Jan 2019 as a leading businessperson operating in Syria and for supporting or benefiting from the regime.

Relation: a) Brother of Samer Foz (SSID 200-40037) b) Linked to Aman Damascus Joint Stock Company (SSID 200-40136) Other information: a) Position: General Manager of ASM International General Trading LLC (ASM International Trading) b) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: EU-designated Samer Foz; EU-designated Aman Holding (Aman Damascus Joint Stock Company); ASM International General Trading LLC (ASM International Trading) Modifications: Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41331 Name: Sagr Rustom

Sex: M Good quality a.k.a.: a) Saqer b) As'ad (Asaad, Asad) c) Al-Rustom (Al-Rostom)

Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Head of the local branch of the National Defence Force in Homs (a regime militia - Shabiha). Responsible for its participation in the brutal repression of the civilian population in Syria. Through his militia, Saqr Rustom is responsible for multiple war profiteering schemes and is therefore benefiting from and supporting the Syrian regime. Associated with designated person Bassam Hassan, his uncle, with whom he established the Damas Real Estate Development and Investment LLC in order to invest in real estate projects. **Other information: a)** Position: Head of National Defence Force in Homs **b)** Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Damas Real Estate Development and Investment LLC **Modifications:** Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41341 Name: Abdelkader Sabra

Sex: M **DOB:** 14 Sep 1955 **Good quality a.k.a.: a)** Abd el Kader (Abd al Kader, Abdul Kader, Abdul Qadr) **b)** Sabrah **Nationality: a)** Syrian Arab Republic **b)** Lebanon

Justification: Leading businessperson operating in Syria with multiple economic interests, especially in the maritime and tourism sectors. As a major shipping magnate and a close business associate of Rami Makhlouf (regime supporter and cousin of Bashar al-Assad), Abdelkader Sabra provides financial and economic support for the Syrian regime, including

through offshore companies. Abdelkader Sabra also benefits from his ties to the regime, which have allowed him to expand his activities in the real estate sector. He is also involved in money laundering and commercial activities in support of the Syrian regime and its associates. **Relation:** Close business associate of Rami Makhlouf (SSID 200-11672) **Other information:** a) Position: Owner of Sabra Maritime Agency; head of the Syrian-Turkish Businessmen Council; founding partner of Phoenicia Tourism Company; President of the Chamber of Maritime Navigation in Syria b) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Phoenicia Tourism Company; Sabra Maritime Agency **Modifications:** Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41353 Name: Khodr Ali Taher

Sex: M DOB: 1976 Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson operating across multiple sectors of the Syrian economy, including private security, mobile phone retail, hotel management, advertising services and domestic money transfer. Supports and benefits from the regime through cooperation in his business activities and his involvement in smuggling and profiteering activities. Khodr Ali Taher owns a number of companies and has co-founded others. His involvement in business dealings with the regime includes entering into a joint venture with the Syrian Transport and Tourism Company, of which the Ministry of Tourism owns a two-thirds stake. Other information: a) Position: Director and owner of Ella Media Services; founding partner of Castle Security and Protection and of Jasmine Contracting Company; Chairman and founding partner of the Syrian Hotel Management Company; Manager and owner of Ematel b) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Citadel for Protection; Guard and Security Services (Castle Security and protection); Ematel LLC (Ematel Communications); Syrian Hotel Management Company; Jasmine Contracting Company Modifications: Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41361 Name: Adel Anwar Al-Olabi

Sex: M DOB: 1976 Good quality a.k.a.: a) Adel Anouar el-Oulabi b) Adil Anwar al-Olabi

Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Leading businessperson benefiting from and supporting the regime. Vice Chairman of Damascus Cham Holding Company (DCHC), the investment arm of the Governorate of Damascus managing the properties of the Governorate of Damascus and implementing the Marota City project. Adel Anwar Al-Olabi is also the Governor of Damascus, appointed by Bashar Al-Assad in Nov 2018. As Governor of Damascus and Vice Chair of DCHC, he is responsible for efforts to implement regime policies of developing expropriated land in Damascus (including Decree No. 66 and Law No. 10), most notably through the Marota City project. **Relation:** Vice Chairman Damascus Cham Holding Company (SSID 200-41370) **Other information:** Position: Vice Chairman of Damascus Cham Holding Company (DCHC); Governor of Damascus **Modifications:** Listed on 27 Feb 2020

Entities

SSID: 200-41370 Name: Damascus Cham Holding Company

Good quality a.k.a.: Damascus Cham Private Joint Stock Company

Justification: a) Damascus Cham Holding Company was established by the regime as the investment arm of the Governorate of Damascus in order to manage the properties of the Governorate of Damascus and implement the Marota City project, a luxurious real estate

project based on expropriated land under Decree No. 66 and Law No. 10 in particular. b) By managing the implementation of Marota City, Damascus Cham Holding (whose Vice-Chair is the Governor of Damascus) supports and benefits from the Syrian regime and provides benefits to businesspeople with close ties to the regime who have struck lucrative deals with this entity through public-private partnerships. Relation: a) Vice chairman of the Board of Directors is Adel Anwar Al-Olabi (SSID 200-41361) b) Linked to Rami Makhlouf (SSID 200-11672) c) Linked to Samer Foz (SSID 200-40037) d) Linked to Mazin Al-Tarazi (SSID 200-40028) e) Linked to Anas Talas (SSID 200-40010) f) Linked to Hayan Kaddour (SSID 200-40093) g) Linked to Maen Rizk Allah Haykal (SSID 200-40104) h) Linked to Khaled al-Zubaidi (SSID 200-40082) i) Linked to Nader Qalei (SSID 200-40113) Other information: a) Type of entity: Public-owned company under private law b) Business sector: Real estate development c) Name of Director/Management: Adel Anwar AL-OLABI, vice chairman of the Board of Directors and governor of Damascus (EU-designated) d) Ultimate beneficial owner: Governorate of Damascus e) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Rami Makhlouf (EU-designated); Samer Foz (EU-designated); Mazen Tarazi (EU-designated); Talas Group, owned by businessman Anas Talas (EU-designated); Exceed Development and Investment Company, owned by private investors Hayan Mohammad Nazem Qaddour, and Maen Rizk Allah Haykal (both EU-designated); Khaled Al-Zubaidi and Nader Qalei (both EU-designated) Modifications: Listed on 27 Feb 2020

SSID: 200-41390 Name: Al Qatarji Company

Good quality a.k.a.: a) Qatarji International Group **b)** Al-Sham and Al-Darwish Company **c)** Khatirji Group (Katarji Group, Katerji Group) **Address:** Mazzah, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: Prominent company operating across multiple sectors of the Syrian economy. By facilitating fuel, arms and ammunition trade between the regime and various actors including ISIS (Daesh) under the pretext of importing and exporting food items, supporting militias fighting alongside the regime and taking advantage of its ties with the regime to expand its commercial activity, Al Qatarji Company – whose board is headed by designated person Hossam Qatarji, a member of the Syrian People's Assembly – supports and benefits from the Syrian regime. Relation: Director/Management and Ultimate beneficial owner is Hussam Al-Qatirji (SSID 200-40061) Other information: a) Type of entity: private company b) Business sector: import/export; trucking; supply of oil and commodities c) Name of Director/Management: Hussam AL-QATIRJI, CEO (EU-designated) d) Ultimate beneficial owner: Hussam AL-QATIRJI (EU-designated) e) Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Arvada/Arfada Petroleum Company JSC Modifications: Listed on 27 Feb 2020