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Because of Iran's sponsorship of worldwide Islamic terrorism, the United States maintains a sanctions regime against that nation. These sanctions laws prohibit U.S. companies from doing business with the Iranian government or Iranian companies. The laws were imposed for a simple reason: when U.S. companies assist Iranian business ventures, they are helping generate revenue for terrorism. Violations of U.S. terror sanctions laws can be punished by civil fines or, in egregious cases, as a criminal case punished by imprisonment.

Halliburton: Criminal Violations of Terror Sanctions?

In July 2004, a Federal grand jury empanelled in the Southern District of Texas issued a subpoena to the Halliburton Company for the production of documents related to potentially criminal activity by current and former executives who may have violated U.S. terrorist sanctions law. The grand jury was assembled after the case was referred by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control to the U.S. Department of Justice.

At issue is a foreign subsidiary of Halliburton, called "Halliburton Products & Services Limited," that has only one source of revenue: business with the Iranian government and its national oil company. While U.S. sanctions law prohibits American companies, like Halliburton, from doing business with Iran, a loophole in the law allows the foreign subsidiaries of a U.S. company to conduct business with terror-sponsoring states. However, Halliburton may have egregiously abused that loophole by conducting decision-making on Iran operations not out of the foreign subsidiaries – a serious violation of the law.

The Treasury Department has now referred a criminal case to the Department of Justice regarding Halliburton's business dealings. The Department of Justice has sent the case to the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, who has assembled a Federal grand jury. If indictments are filed against current or former Halliburton executives, the criminal charges carry a penalty of up to ten years in prison.

The Law At Issue

The regulations governing sanctions against Iran derive from the President's authority under the International Economic Emergency Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose sanctions against state sponsors of terrorism. The sanctions prohibit companies from doing business with the Islamic Republic of Iran, as long as a company fits the definition of a "U.S. Person," which is defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (at *31 CFR 560.314*) as follows:

The term United States person means any United States citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States (including foreign branches), or any person in the United States.

While covering the foreign *branches* of U.S. companies, the definition fails to mention foreign *subsidiaries*. So, if a U.S. company owns a foreign subsidiary that is staffed only with non-

U.S. nationals, and that subsidiary's decision-making is wholly independent of the U.S. parent, then the subsidiary is permitted to do business with Iran.

Criminal penalties for violation of this law include maximum fines of \$50,000 and up to ten years in prison. The law makes clear that these penalties apply to "any officer, director, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates" in the violation. *(See 31 CFR 560.701)*

The Conduct At Issue

In order to comply with terrorist sanctions law, neither Halliburton (the U.S. parent company) nor any of its U.S. subsidiaries here or overseas can engage in any decision making with regard to, or become involved in, business transactions between the foreign subsidiary – Halliburton Products and Services – and Iran. The foreign subsidiary must be truly independent in order to legally take advantage of the loophole.

After initially closing an investigation of Halliburton in early 2001, the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control reopened the case in January 2004, after CBS News' *60 Minutes* broadcast an expose of Halliburton Products and Services' longtime business practices with Iran.

In February 2004, Senator Lautenberg's office provided Treasury Department investigators with suspicious documents (published in this report) that indicate that the Iranians had certain named contacts at Halliburton in 1997 and 1998, when Dick Cheney was CEO. The documents were significant because it was unclear whether these contacts were employed by a U.S. subsidiary, KBR, or the foreign subsidiary, Halliburton Products and Services Limited. As discussed in this report, those two subsidiaries share an office, phone and fax lines in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This Report

This report contains documentary evidence and other material regarding these transgressions by Halliburton. The materials indicate that this activity by Halliburton was consistent with then-CEO Dick Cheney's contempt for terrorist sanctions law, which he saw as an impediment to corporate profits. This report also documents active lobbying against terrorist sanctions by Halliburton under Cheney's command. Senator Lautenberg has offered <u>legislation</u> in the Senate to shut down the "Business with Terrorists Loophole" that Halliburton is suspected of abusing. On a near party-line vote, Senator Lautenberg's legislation to shut down the "Business with Terrorists" loophole narrowly lost by a margin of <u>49-50</u>.



"Money is the life-blood of terrorist operations."

- George W. Bush September 24, 2001



DISCLOSURE IN AUGUST 3rd 2004 SEC REPORT

From Halliburton's Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004, pages 27-28:

Operations in Iran. We received and responded to an inquiry in mid-2001 from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department with respect to operations in Iran by a Halliburton subsidiary that is incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The OFAC inquiry requested information with respect to compliance with the Iranian Transaction Regulations. These regulations prohibit United States citizens, including United States corporations and other United States business organizations, from engaging in commercial, financial, or trade transactions with Iran, unless authorized by OFAC or exempted by statute. Our 2001 written response to OFAC stated that we believed that we were in full compliance with applicable sanction regulations. In January 2004, we received a follow-up letter from OFAC requesting additional information. We responded fully to this request on March 19, 2004. We understand this matter has now been referred by OFAC to the Department of Justice. In July 2004, we received from an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas a grand jury subpoena requesting the production of documents. We intend to cooperate with the government's investigation. As of June 30, 2004, we had not accrued any amounts related to this investigation.

Separate from the OFAC inquiry, we completed a study in 2003 of our activities in Iran during 2002 and 2003 and concluded that these activities were in full compliance with applicable sanction regulations. These sanction regulations require isolation of entities that conduct activities in Iran from contact with United States citizens or managers of United States companies.

Full report available at:

http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/45012/000004501204000228/edjune10q2004_final.htm

IS HALLIBURTON LIMITED AN INDEPENDENT SUBSIDIARY?

In order to abide by U.S. terrorist sanctions law, Halliburton Limited must maintain a completely separate and independent operation from any U.S. subsidiary of Halliburton. But as this page from Halliburton's online corporate directory shows, Halliburton Limited shares an office suite, phone and fax lines with KBR, Halliburton's U.S. subsidiary. It is hard to argue that Halliburton is maintaining such independence when the two subsidiaries are so intertwined:

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Middle East UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Operation Name	Physical Address	Mailing Address	Phone & Fax Numbers
Halliburton	PO Box 57 11th Floor Lulu Center Bldg Salam Street Abu Dhabi	PO Box 57 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 2 676 3635 Fax 1: 971 2 676 1516
Halliburton (District Office)	PO Box 57 Mussafah Abu Dhabi	PO Box 57 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 2 555 3000 Fax 1: 971 2 555 3200
Halliburton Limited	PO Box 3111 Al Moosa Tower 1, 10th Floor Sheikh Zayed Road Dubai	PO Box 3111 Dubai United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 4 331 0666 Fax 1: 971 4 331 0442
KBR	PO Box 57 12th Floor Lulu Center Bldg Salam Street Abu Dhabi	PO Box 57 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 2 676 3635 Fax 1: 971 2 676 1962
KBR	PO Box 3111 Al Moosa Tower 1, 10th Floor Sheikh Zayed Road Dubai	PO Box 3111 Dubai United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 4 331 0666 Fax 1: 971 4 331 0442
Landmark Graphics	PO Box 57 13th Floor Lulu Center Bldg Salam Street Abu Dhabi	PO Box 57 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 2 676 3635 Fax 1: 971 2 672 5925
Landmark Graphics	PO Box 3111 Al Moosa Tower 1, 8th Floor Sheikh Zayed Road Dubai	PO Box 3111 Dubai United Arab Emirates	Phone 1: 971 4 331 3142 Fax 1: 971 4 331 5837

View this web page at:

http://www.halliburton.com/ofc_loc/location_search.jsp?USA=0&rgn=ME&cnt=United%20Arab%20Emirates

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The Iranians addressed this bid to "Mr. McIntyre" on the 10th floor of the Al-Moosa Tower in Dubai. Halliburton has refused to identify Mr. McIntyre, and disclose whether he is/was a KBR employee.

Kala Naft Limited is the British subsidiary of the <u>National Iranian Oil</u> <u>Company.</u>

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OCTOBER 7, 1997

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This bid from the Iranians is addressed to the attention of a "Mr. Proctor." Halliburton has refused to identify Mr. Proctor, and disclose whether he is/was a KBR employee.

WHILE CEO OF HALLIBURTON, CHENEY "BLASTS" IRAN SANCTIONS

[W]hen Vice President Cheney was chief executive of Dallas-based Halliburton Co., a major oil equipment supply company, in the mid-1990s, he blasted the Iran sanctions as "self-defeating."

"There seems to be an assumption that somehow we know what's best for everybody else, and that we are going to use our economic clout to get everybody else to live the way we would like," he said in 1996 in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

 John Ward Anderson, "Iran Throwing Off Its Isolation; U.S. Remains Dubious After Decades of Mutual Distrust," *The Washington Post*, March 31, 2001, p. A18

"We're kept out of there primarily by our own government, which has made a decision that U.S. firms should not be allowed to invest significantly in Iran, and I think that's a mistake."

"While American companies have to sit on the sidelines, oil companies from the rest of the world have invested in Iran's energy sector, sometimes without operating the same high standards."

> Dick Cheney Speech before the World Petroleum Congress Calgary, Canada June 13, 2000 (the month before joining the Bush-Cheney ticket)

> > Sources:

<u>http://www.alberta-canada.com/export/pdf/lran_Energy_July12000.pdf</u> <u>http://www.cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS/time/2000/07/31/hallib.html</u>

HALLIBURTON LOBBIES AGAINST IRAN SANCTIONS UNDER CHENEY

Below is page 2 of Halliburton's 1997 Year End lobbying report filed with the Senate and the House of Representatives. The lobbying report indicates that Iran and Libya sanctions were one of the few issues Halliburton focused its lobbying efforts on in that year, while Dick Cheney was CEO. Halliburton's 1998 lobbying reports have similar references to lobbying on Iran and Libya sanctions.

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