



World-Check renews its partnership with the UK's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

London, 13 October 2009 -- World-Check has today announced the renewal of its partnership with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, the UK's national centre dedicated to eradicating the sexual exploitation of children.

World-Check provides CEOP's Financial Investigators with pro-bono online access to its global database to assist in tracking offenders. World-Check risk intelligence covers 24 categories including Politically Exposed Individuals (PEPs) and heightened risk individuals and entities such as money launderers, terrorists, narcotics and weapons dealers, human traffickers, organised crime syndicates and sanctioned entities among others.

Following the database's implementation at the CEOP Centre in November 2008, World-Check has proved a valuable tool to CEOP's financial investigations and has so far been used in over 130 enquiries to ascertain background intelligence on child abuse cases. In turn, World-Check has received information from the CEOP Centre to help expand its global knowledge base on the subject of child exploitation.

Daniel Peak, Chief Executive Officer of World-Check said: "We salute the tremendous efforts of the CEOP Centre in combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children and are extremely proud to support the Centre by sharing our intelligence on the financial activities and networks of criminals worldwide. Our hope is that this collaboration will assist in not only identifying the activities of suspects but also lead to successful prosecutions."

Jim Gamble QPM, Chief Executive of CEOP said: "The pro-bono online access that World-Check provides to CEOP's Financial Investigators provides a valuable tool to assist them in their efforts to trace the most high-risk and dangerous child sexual offenders. The open source intelligence that World-Check gathers from across the globe would not otherwise be

available to CEOP and we are very grateful for this support. We look forward to assisting World-Check in developing its knowledge of this area of crime, so we can hopefully develop together an even more effective tool to assist child abuse investigations and protect more children from harm.”

Notes to editors

CHILD ABUSE IMAGES, NOT ‘CHILD PORNOGRAPHY’

Use of the phrase ‘child pornography’ actually benefits child sex abusers:

It indicates legitimacy and compliance on the part of the victim and therefore legality on the part of the abuser

It conjures up images of children posing in ‘provocative’ positions, rather than suffering horrific abuse

Every photograph captures an actual situation where a child has been abused. This is not pornography.

About World-Check

Trusted by more than 3,800 institutions in over 160 countries, including 49 of the world’s top 50 banks, World-Check offers an end-to-end solution for assessing, managing and remediating financial, regulatory and reputational risks.

World-Check’s global database of Politically Exposed Individuals (PEPs) and heightened risk individuals and entities, due diligence reports, passport verification and country risk assessment tools provide the means to address the full spectrum of risk across all markets and industries. Represented across five continents, World-Check’s international research team monitors emerging risks in more than 50 languages, covering over 240 countries and territories worldwide.

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About the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre

The CEOP Centre is the UK's national centre for tackling the abuse of children. It works in both the online and offline environments to protect children from sexual exploitation. Full information on all areas of work as well as online safety messages and access to online reporting can be found at www.ceop.police.uk. The organisation is affiliated to the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) and its powers are derived from the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005.

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