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World-Check profiles Colombian drug lord, associates and business entities up to four years ahead of OFAC sanctions

London, UK. 14 February 2008. On the 12th of February the US Treasury of Foreign Assets Control designated fifteen individuals and entities pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act. World-Check is proud to announce that its team of researchers had already identified and profiled 9 of the 15 new OFAC designates, including Colombian drug lord Carlos Mario Jimenez Naranjo as far back as 2004. The nine designates include Naranjo's associates and related business entities that represent his financial network. World-Check profiled his brother Roberto Jimenez Naranjo in December 2006 and the following associates and entities were profiled in October 2007 namely; Rosa Edelmira Luna Cordoba, Marco Julio Londono Vasquez, Inversiones El Momento S A, Sociedad Minera Grifos S A, Casa Del Ganadero S A, Ganaderia Luna Hermanos LTDA, and Administradora Ganadera El 45 LTDA.

"World-Check has once again kept clients ahead of financial, regulatory and reputation risk by identifying not only this heightened risk individual years before he was officially sanctioned, but also by revealing his relationship networks and business entities, where the real risk often lies" said David Leppan, CEO and founder of World-Check. "The proven reliability of our intelligence database to identify the risks that these individuals pose, ahead of official authorities, is proven time and again".

Sometimes referred to as Macaco, Julio Pailitas, Yunta, El Montañero and Montañez, **Carlos Mario Jimenez Naranjo** was first profiled by World-Check in 2004 and is a high-ranking leader of the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia and reported founder of the Aguilas Negras criminal organization. He is allegedly the leader of a narcotics organisation operating from Colombia to Europe and the US, through Panama, Honduras and Nicaragua and is responsible for narcotics operations in Eje Cafetero, Magdalena Medio, Santander, Caquetá and Nariño, Colombia for FARC. He is reportedly involved in the transaction of narcotics for firearms and has been indicted on federal drug trafficking and money laundering charges in the U.S. District

Court for the District of Columbia in 2005, and in the Southern District of Florida in 2007. He is currently in Colombian custody awaiting extradition to the United States.

ABOUT WORLD-CHECK

World-Check provides its global database of heightened-risk individuals and businesses to more than 2500 institutions, including 47 of the world's 50 largest financial institutions and hundreds of government agencies. The database is updated daily in real-time by World-Check's international research team, and is derived from hundreds of thousands of public sources. Coverage includes Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), money launderers, fraudsters, terrorists and sanctioned entities - plus individuals and businesses from over a dozen other high-risk categories. World-Check's database and tools find direct application in financial compliance, anti-money laundering (AML), Know-Your-Customer (KYC), PEP screening, enhanced due diligence (EDD), fraud prevention, government intelligence and other identity authentication, background screening and risk-prevention practices.

World-Check offers a downloadable database for the automated screening of an entire customer base, as well as a simple online service for quick customer screening.