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**World-Check profiles 15 newly designated narcotics traffickers  
years ahead of OFAC**

**LONDON, November 6, 2007:** The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury has added fifteen Colombian individuals to the official sanctions list as "Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers Kingpins" (SDNTK)s. World-Check is proud to announce that all fifteen individuals were already profiled on its database. Prohibitions of the Kingpin Act affect trade transactions as well as accounts, securities, and other assets of SDNTK's. Corporate criminal penalties for violations of the Act range up to \$10,000,000; individual penalties range up to \$5,000,000 and 30 years in prison. The exceptional performance of World-Check's 'early warning system' is in line with the company's commitment to safeguard user institutions from the financial and reputational related risks posed by heightened risk individuals such as these.

As the leading provider of risk related intelligence to financial institutions and regulatory agencies worldwide, World-Check's database is unequaled in its effectiveness in identifying risk. "Our comprehensive database has time and again proven its worth by keeping client institutions one step ahead of high risk individuals" said David Leppan, World-Check founder and CEO. "This reliability is testament to our strategically placed international team of multilingual researchers and open-source specialists who correlate public information into highly structured profiles, which are then linked to related profiles to reveal relationship networks of family members, middlemen and associates, which is where the real risk often lies".

World-Check has profiled all of these 15 newly designated individuals for their alleged links to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and their alleged criminal activities ranging from operating illegal financial networks, narcotics operations, and the exchange of narcotics for firearms.

One of the fifteen individuals classified as a SDNK, **Erminso Cuevas Cabrera**, was profiled by World-Check as far back as 2004, while another two, **Sixto Antonio Cabana Guillen** and **Abelardo Caicedo Colorado**, were profiled in 2005.

The remaining twelve designated individuals who were profiled in early 2006 are: **Hermilo CABRERA DIAZ, Abelardo CAICEDO COLORADO, Norbei CAMARGO, Ignacio LEAL GARCIA, Luis Eduardo LOPEZ MENDEZ, Jose Epinemio MOLINA GONZALEZ, Alfonso OLARTE LOMBANA, Miguel Angel PASCUAS SANTOS, Emiro del Carmen ROPERO SUAREZ, Miguel SANTANILLA BOTACHE, Guillermo Enrique TORRES CUETER, and Erasmo TRASLAVINA BENAVIDES.**

#### **ABOUT WORLD-CHECK**

World-Check provides its global database of heightened-risk individuals and businesses to more than 2400 institutions, including 46 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.

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