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World-Check's terrorism content continues to overshadow official sanctions lists

LONDON, 08 May 2008. World-Check, the leading global provider of intelligence on heightened risk individuals and entities, continues to outperform official sanctions lists in identifying and profiling terrorism related companies and individuals.

In May 2007 the combined terrorism content¹ of the world's four most authoritative sanctions lists; namely OFAC, HM Treasury², EU and the UN, amounted to only 5% of World-Check's terrorism content. Today the combined 918 individual profiles listed by those authorities constitutes a mere 3,2% of World-Check's current 28 190 individual profiles.

"These statistics, coupled with our record of consistently alerting users to terrorists and their financial supporters years ahead of official lists, proves the value of our data to those who are tasked with protecting the financial system from abuse" said David Leppan CEO of World-Check. "By re-investing heavily in our Terrorism Unit's operations and research capacity we have achieved our goal of becoming the unequalled authority on tracking the financial networks of terrorist groups and movements worldwide."

World-Check's Terrorism and Insurgency Research Unit's team of open source intelligence specialists collect and analyse risk-relevant information in more than 30 languages. Operating 24/7 across the globe, the unit identifies and monitors myriad networks belonging to terrorist and insurgent movements, including all of those designated by government authorities. By placing special emphasis on financing patterns and support structures, TIRU also documents the overlapping networks and fundraising methods of transnational crime groups involved in terrorism.

"Our discipline and dedication yields measurable performance results in the form of world-class intelligence," said John Solomon, global head of TIRU. "This constantly improving body of terrorism intelligence provides critical decision support to clients interested in both mitigating risk and suffocating terrorists of the funds needed to radicalise their constituencies and execute attacks. It is this desired outcome that

¹ Number of 'unique' (ie no duplications) terrorism entries in the four official lists combined.

² Responsibility for the administration of Financial Sanctions in the UK transferred from the Bank of England to the HM Treasury in October 2007

drives this diverse team of research specialists to continually add value to World-Check's unparalleled intelligence."

Recent examples of World-Check's ability to warn users of terrorism related risk ahead of sanctions include; the Islamist terrorist group known as Harakat Ul-Jihad-Islami/Bangladesh was profiled on World-Check in August 2003, five years ahead of being added to the OFAC anti-terrorism list in March 2008; eighteen Tamil Rehabilitation Organisations (TRO's) and their locations were profiled by World-Check in 2006 and only added to the OFAC sanctions list in late 2007; and Abu Mastafa al-Sheibani, Mich'an Rakin Thamins and the entity al-Zawra Television Station, all added to the OFAC sanctions list in January 2008, were profiled by our researchers in early 2006, and January 2007 respectively.

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.

