

Financial Sanctions Notice

09/02/2023

Cyber

Introduction

- 1. The Cyber (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/597) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies conducting or directing cyber activity that undermines, or is intended to undermine, the integrity, prosperity or security of the United Kingdom or a country other than the United Kingdom; international organisations; and non-governmental organisations whose purposes relate to the governance of international sport or the Internet.
- 2. On 9 February 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

- 4. The following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Mikhail ISKRITSKIY (Group ID: 15741)
 - Valentin Olegovich KARYAGIN (Group ID: 15738)
 - Vitaliy Nikolayevich KOVALEV (Group ID: 15742)

- Maksim Sergeevich MIKHAILOV (Group ID: 15739)
- Dmitry PLESHEVSKIY (Group ID: 15740)
- Valery Veniaminovich SEDLETSKI (Group ID: 15744)
- Ivan Vasilyevich VAKHROMEYEV (Group ID: 15743)

What you must do

5. You must:

- i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.

Ransomware and Sanctions

- 6. Making or facilitating a ransomware payment risks exposing those involved to civil or criminal penalties where such payments are made to individuals or entities subject to financial sanctions, known as designated persons.
- 7. OFSI, in partnership with other HM Government (HMG) organisations, has published guidance on sanctions and ransomware, which includes information on the impact of ransomware payments, cyber resilience, and HMG's approach to enforcement.
- 8. Guidance on ransomware and sanctions can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-fags

9. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

10. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Cyber financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases

11. The Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets

12. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

13. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

14. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

- 15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 16. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 17. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CYBER

THE CYBER (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/597)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. ISKRITSKIY, Mikhail

DOB: 11/05/1981. **a.k.a**: (1) ISKRITSKI, Mikhail (2) ISKRITSKIY, Mihail (3) ISKRITSKY, Mikhail (4) TROPA **Nationality**: Russia **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0026 (UK Statement of Reasons):Mikhail ISKTRITSKIY is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. **Listed on**: 09/02/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated**: 09/02/2023 **Last Updated**: 09/02/2023 **Group ID**: 15741.

2. KARYAGIN, Valentin Olegovich

DOB: 19/04/1992. a.k.a: GLOBUS Nationality: Russia Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0023 (UK Statement of Reasons):Valentin Olegovich KARYAGIN is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. Listed on: 09/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/02/2023 Last Updated: 09/02/2023 Group ID: 15738.

3. KOVALEV, Vitaliy Nikolayevich

DOB: 23/06/1988. a.k.a: (1) BEN (2) BENTLEY [HISTORICAL USE OF] (3) KOVALEV, Vitaly **Nationality**: Russia **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0027 (UK Statement of Reasons):Vitaliy Nikolayevich KOVALEV is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. **Listed on**: 09/02/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated**: 09/02/2023 **Last Updated**: 09/02/2023 **Group ID**: 15742.

4. MIKHAILOV, Maksim Sergeevich

DOB: 29/07/1976. a.k.a: (1) BAGET (2) MAXMS76 (3) MIKHAILOV, Maxim Nationality: Russia Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0024 (UK Statement of Reasons):Maksim Sergeevich MIKHAILOV is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. Listed on: 09/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/02/2023 Last Updated: 09/02/2023 Group ID: 15739.

5. PLESHEVSKIY, Dmitry

DOB: 30/07/1992. a.k.a: (1) ISELDOR, Pleshevskiy Dima (2) PLESHEVSKIY, Dimitri (3) PLESHEVSKIY, Dimitry Nationality: Russia Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0025 (UK Statement of Reasons):Dmitry PLESHEVSKIY is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. Listed on: 09/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/02/2023 Last Updated: 09/02/2023 Group ID: 15740.

6. **SEDLETSKI, Valery Veniaminovich**

DOB: 29/07/1974. a.k.a: (1) SEDLETSKIY, Valeri (2) STRIX (3) VALERIUS Nationality: Russia Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0029 (UK Statement of Reasons):Valery Veniaminovich SEDLETSKI is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. Listed on: 09/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/02/2023 Last Updated: 09/02/2023 Group ID: 15744.

7. VAKHROMEYEV, Ivan Vasilyevich

DOB: 29/12/1988. a.k.a: (1) IVANALERT (2) MUSHROOM (3) VAKHROMEEV, Ivan, Vasilievich Nationality: Russia Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):CYB0028 (UK Statement of Reasons):Ivan Vasilyevich VAKHROMEYEV is or has been involved in relevant cyber activity, including being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation of relevant cyber activity; and providing technical assistance that could contribute to relevant cyber activity, namely ransomware attacks which were intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity and security of the United Kingdom and other countries, and were intended to cause economic loss to, or prejudice the commercial interests of, those companies affected by the activity. Listed on: 09/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/02/2023 Last Updated: 09/02/2023 Group ID: 15743.

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