

Politically Exposed Person' (PEP)

'Politically exposed person' means an individual who is, or has at any time in the preceding 12 months been, entrusted with a prominent public function, including either of the following individuals (but not including any middle ranking or more junior official):

- (a) a specified official;
- (b) a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of a state-owned enterprise;

'Specified Official' means any of the following officials (including any such officials in an institution of the European Communities or an international body):

- (a) a head of state, head of government, government minister or deputy or assistant government minister;
- (b) a member of parliament or of a similar legislative body;
- (c) members of the governing bodies of political parties.
- (d) a member of a supreme court, constitutional court or other high level judicial body whose decisions, other than in exceptional circumstances, are not subject to further appeal;
- (e) a member of a court of auditors or of a board of a central bank;
- (f) an ambassador, chargé d'affaires or high-ranking officer in the armed forces.
- (g) directors, deputy directors and members of the board or equivalent function of an international organisation.

Close Associate

In this section 'close associate' of a politically exposed person includes any of the following persons:

- a) Any individual who has joint beneficial ownership of a legal entity or legal arrangement, or any other close business relations, with the politically exposed person;
- b) Any individual who has sole beneficial ownership of a legal entity or legal arrangement set up for the actual benefit of the politically exposed person;

Immediate Family Member

'Immediate Family Member' of a politically exposed person includes any of the following persons:

- a) Any spouse of the politically exposed person;
- b) Any person who is considered to be equivalent to a spouse of the politically exposed person under the national or other law of the place where the person or politically exposed person resides;
- c) Any child of the politically exposed person;
- d) Any spouse of a child of the politically exposed person;
- e) Any person considered to be equivalent to a spouse of a child of the politically exposed person under the national or other law of the place where the person or child resides;
- f) Any parent of the politically exposed person;
- g) Any other family member of the politically exposed person who is of a prescribed class;

'The Minister may prescribe a class of family member of a politically exposed person, for the purposes of paragraph (g) of the definition of "immediate family member" of a politically exposed person in subsection (10), only if the minister is satisfied that it would be appropriate for the provisions of this section to be applied in relation to members of the class, having regard to any heightened risk, arising from their close family relationship with the politically exposed person, that such members may be involved in money laundering or terrorist financing'.