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***Extortion Attempt against Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc.  
And Cathedral Group***

Over the last few weeks, Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc. ("The Bank") and The Cathedral Group ("The Group") Companies, jointly ("The Financial Group") have received extortion attempts from a Group of Mexican individuals targeted at Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc., the Cathedral Group and against Entrepreneurs and Cathedral's Ex-service providers. These individuals had attempted to coerce The Bank, in order to illegally obtain cash in the form of international wire transfers, which are not under the Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc.'s Control.

The individuals informed our personnel that they are in control of key media figures and players located in various jurisdictions, and that if Cathedral was not to comply with their demands they were going to perform multiple "Controlled Media Attacks" against Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc. ("The Bank"), The Cathedral Group ("The Group"), against Entrepreneurs and Cathedral's Ex-service providers that are not related with both the bank and/or the group.

The aforementioned extortion attempt shares significant characteristics with previous incidents that occurred in Latin America in 2017 and 2018 against The Financial Group which are related to the notice published on April the 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 in our Press Area, therefore it is believed that these events seek to obtain leverage in order to avoid further escalation and relevant prosecution from multiple legal actions currently ongoing that both the Group and the Bank have executed against these individuals and any third party liable or responsible in multiple international jurisdictions.

Durante las últimas dos semanas, Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc. ("El Banco") y las empresas de Cathedral Group ("El Grupo"), conjuntamente ("El Grupo Financiero"), han recibido extorsiones de un grupo de individuos de nacionalidad Mexicana en contra de esta Institución y de algunos Empresarios y Ex proveedores de servicios de este Grupo Financiero. Estos actos han sido con la finalidad de obtener de manera ilegal dinero en transferencias bancarias internacionales, las cuales no están bajo el control del Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc.

Estos individuos le hicieron saber a nuestro personal que controlan actores claves en los medios de comunicación, y que de no realizarse estos pagos consumarían una serie de ataques en medios de comunicación "en forma controlada" amenaza que han cumplido en contra de los intereses incluyendo, sin limitar del Grupo de Compañías de Cathedral, de Cathedral Investment Bank / CIB Americas Bank Inc., así como de Empresarios y Proveedores de servicios que no están actualmente relacionados con el grupo.

Este tipo de extorsiones comparte características muy similares a aquellos incidentes ocurridos previamente en Latinoamérica en el 2017 y 2018 en perjuicio de este grupo financiero los cuales están mencionados en la publicación del desplegado en nuestra oficina de prensa el 14 de Abril del 2018. Por lo tanto presumimos que este evento busca presionar la resolución de las averiguaciones y procesos legales que el grupo financiero ya lleva en contra de estos individuos y quienes resulten responsables y en donde todavía hay acciones jurídicas pendientes que están por ejecutarse en múltiples jurisdicciones Internacionales.





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The bank and all of the Group's Entities are reserving all accumulated, worldwide rights in full including without limitation all regulatory legal and applicable remedies that are applicable internationally. As of today we have initiated appropriate legal action against several actors in observance of specific pertinent regulatory framework in various jurisdictions.

We also would like this opportunity to clarify that Dr. H.C. Teodoro Ernesto Lavin Sodi, is not related in any directive capacity within the Bank nor the Group, as of today it does not have any open processes related with funds misappropriation nor Money Laundering within this Institution nor with any competent authority, all services provided by Dr. Lavin Sodi's Companies are limited by specific agreements under Caribbean Jurisdictions, all of which, are not related with the events described herein.

We are glad to serve you, if you require any further information on such events please feel free to contact us in English at [media.outreach@cathedralbank.com](mailto:media.outreach@cathedralbank.com)

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