

WARNING TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Financial Services Authority is warning that many companies have become aware that their shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls or correspondence concerning investment matters.

The contact is typically from overseas based 'brokers' who target UK shareholders, offering to sell them worthless or high risk shares in US or UK investments. These operations are known as 'boiler rooms' and the 'brokers' can be very persistent and extremely persuasive.

Shareholders are advised to be cautious of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers of free company reports.

If you receive any unsolicited investment advice you should:

- Make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation
- Check that they are properly authorised by the FSA before getting involved by visiting www.fsa.gov.uk/register
- Report the matter to the FSA either by calling 0845 606 1234 or visiting www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk
- If the calls persist, hang up and register with the Telephone Preference Service: 0845 070 07 07.

If you deal with an unauthorised firm, you will not be eligible to receive payment under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

More detailed information on this or similar activity can be found on the FSA website www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Community Development if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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