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Sent: Monday, 27 April 2020 12:02 PM

To: S22

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Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 1:12 PM

To: S22 cc: S22

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Hi **S22**

Thank you for your email.

Further to our phone conversation earlier today we would greatly appreciate if you could please follow with the proposal which you outlined in your email below.

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Thank you again for your assistance, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

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Kind regards, s22

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From: S22

Sent: Monday, 6 April 2020 9:31 AM

To:S22 cc: S22

Subject: RE: re: Conversation between AUSTRAC data miners and Treasury FIRB Compliance support [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi **s22** and **s22**,

Apologies for the delay. \$22

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s22 I just wanted to make sure that this is still something you're looking to pursue, and that I'm remembering the request correctly. My understanding is that we would initially provide

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Then we'd consider what intel we can extract from that and discuss how to proceed. Is this correct?

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From: S22

Sent: Monday, 3 February 2020 4:23 PM

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Subject: re: Conversation between AUSTRAC data miners and Treasury FIRB Compliance support [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi S22 and S22

As discussed, I think that there might be potential for AUSTRAC data scientists to help with Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) Compliance work \$37(2)(b)

I thought the easiest way was to put you in touch so you could work out a convenient time to discuss.

I am more than happy to be involved in any discussion going forward if I can be of help – but I also don't want to be unnecessarily in your way so feel free to discuss/plan without me.

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Kind Regards, s22

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Subject: FW: Conversation between AUSTRAC data miners and Treasury FIRB Compliance

support [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [EXTERNAL]

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It was a great pleasure talking with you yesterday, and we greatly appreciate AUSTRAC's assistance \$37(2)(b) \$37(2)(b)

Just as a brief background information, in order to determine whether an acquisition by a foreign person requires FIRB approval, we in Treasury, assess the FIRB applications in determining whether the acquisition is significant and notifiable action, under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*. Further information on this is located here, https://firb.gov.au/guidance-resources/guidance-notes/gn35/.

In addition, there are different monetary thresholds provisions for different types of investors and acquisitions. For example, whether the investor is privately owned investor and from a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Partner Country, or non-FTA country, or Foreign Government Investor, etc. - and considerations as to what the acquisition proposal involves and relates to, e.g., acquisition of Agribusiness, developed commercial land, mining and production tenements, etc. The details of the Monetary screening thresholds can be accessed here, https://firb.gov.au/guidance-resources/guidance-notes/gn34.

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At this side, I will be joined in the teleconference by my manager, \$22. From the AUSTRAC side, grateful if you could please advise me of the names and position titles of your colleagues who will also be joining the teleconference.

I will send you a calendar invite shortly. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Thanks and regards,

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Analyst, Compliance & Legal Unit Foreign Investment Division | Corporate and Foreign Investment Group Department of the Treasury **OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

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