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AMENDMENT OF ONE (1) ENTRY ON THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC SANCTIONS LIST

The Department of Trade and Industry – Strategic Trade Management Office (DTI-STMO) wishes to inform the public that on 22 February 2021, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic enacted the amendments specified with underline in the entry below on its List of individuals and entities.

A. Individuals

CFI.014 Name: 1: BI SIDI 2: SOULEMAN 3: na 4: na

Title: na **Designation:** President and self-proclaimed “general” of the Retour, Réclamation et Réhabilitation (3R) **DOB:** 20 Jul. 1962 **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic **Good quality a.k.a.:** a) Sidiki b) “General” Sidiki c) Sidiki Abbas d) Souleymane Bi Sidi e) Bi Sidi Soulemane **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Central African Republic **Passport no:** Laissez-passer no. N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP , issued on 15 Mar. 2019 (issued by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic) **National identification no:** na **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pendé prefecture, Central African Republic **Listed on:** 5 Aug. 2020 (amended on 22 Feb. 2021) **Other information:** Bi Sidi Souleman leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Return, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Bi Sidi Souleman himself has also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21 May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. Bi Sidi Souleman openly confirmed to a UN Entity that he had ordered 3R elements to the villages on the date of the attacks, but did not admit to giving the orders for 3R to kill. **In December 2020, after having joined a coalition of armed groups established to disrupt the electoral process, Bi Sidi Souleman was reportedly killed during fighting.** INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>.

Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 20-13, the STMO adopted the UNSC Consolidated List of Individuals and Entities (<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>) as its List of Prohibited End-Users, thereby prohibiting covered persons from engaging in any trade with the listed individuals and entities. Any violation is punishable under Section 19, Chapter IV of RA 10697, or the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA).

The Department advises all individuals, government agencies, and businesses to be updated on the current multilateral and unilateral lists of sanctioned individuals and entities and exercise due diligence in every transaction to avoid sanctionable activities. The conduct of due diligence includes, among others, checking the parties to the transactions, verifying end-use and end-users of commodities being traded, checking shipping routes, and validating payment arrangements.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.