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**Regulators focused on anti-money laundering compliance
International conference to help financial institutions avoid costly regulatory
penalties and save money**

**moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference
March 16-18, 2009, Hollywood, Florida, USA**

MIAMI — February 24, 2009 — U.S. regulators are paying more attention than ever before to financial institutions' compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing laws and regulations.

The number of enforcement actions issued for AML deficiencies spiked in October to its highest level in more than a year. Then, in January, the U.S. government levied the largest sanctions-related penalty to date — \$350 million — against Lloyds TSB Bank for allowing and hiding more than \$320 million in wire transfers from blacklisted Iranian banks and Sudanese clients.

“Regulators are sending the message that companies will be held accountable for deficiencies,” said Kieran Beer, Editor-in-Chief of moneylaundering.com. “In today’s volatile economic climate, financial institutions must learn how to cut costs while increasing the effectiveness of their anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing programs.”

To help businesses face these challenges, the **moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference**, taking place March 16-18, 2009 at the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, Fla., will provide compliance professionals with three days of intensive training on more than 36 cutting-edge topics in five distinct tracks. The conference program will address such key issues as:

- How to detect and investigate fraud schemes
- How to build cost-effective anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and risk assessment programs
- How to maximize resources and optimize transaction-monitoring systems to get the most out of existing AML/CFT programs
- How to prepare for and manage regulatory examinations
- How to comply with conflicting international laws and regulations

The world’s top AML/CFT experts will provide attendees with practical tips for detecting and preventing financial crime using real-world case studies. Featured speakers include:

- Adam S. Kaufmann, assistant district attorney who helped the New York County District Attorney’s Office and the U.S. Justice Department uncover the illicit transactions funneled through Lloyd’s TSB
- Mia M. Levine, assistant chief for litigation of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- William D. Langford, senior vice president and director of global anti-money laundering for JP Morgan Chase and the former associate director for regulatory policy at the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
- Richard A. Small, president of enterprise-wide AML and sanctions risk management for American Express

“Financial institutions can no longer afford to take unnecessary risks,” Beer said. “It is imperative that they make the most of their resources to avoid costly enforcement actions and damage to their reputations. This conference will give them tools to protect themselves.”

Press Credentials

Accredited members of the press may obtain press credentials to attend the moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference by contacting Paula Niño at pnino@moneylaundering.com or +1.786.871.3006.

About moneylaundering.com’s 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference

The moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference is the largest and most respected AML conference in the world. The annual event draws more than 1,200 AML professionals from 60 countries for three days of cutting-edge training in every sector of the AML field. The 2009 conference features more than 60 speakers, 40 educational sessions and 65 sponsors and exhibitors. For more information, visit www.moneylaunderingconference.com.

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