

Notice of OFAC Actions

A. On January 17, 2024, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following person are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individual

1. PIMENTEL MATA, Alberto; (a.k.a. PIMENTEL, Alberto), Guatemala; DOB 26 Oct 1981; POB San Jose, Costa Rica; nationality Guatemala; Gender Male; Passport 238670724 (Guatemala) expires 14 Jan 2024; National ID No. 2386707240101 (Guatemala) (individual) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(B)(1) of Executive Order (E.O.) 13818 of December 20, 2017, "Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption," 82 FR 60839 (Dec. 26, 2017) for being a foreign person who is a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery.

B. On January 17, 2024, OFAC determined that the following entities would be removed from the SDN List and that their property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction are unblocked pursuant to E.O. 13818. These entities are no longer subject to the blocking provisions of Section 1(a) of E.O. 13818.

Entities

1. COMPANIA GUATEMALTECA DE NIQUEL, SOCIEDAD ANONIMA (a.k.a. COMPANIA GUATEMALTECA DE NIQUEL; a.k.a. GUATEMALAN NICKEL COMPANY; a.k.a. "CGN"), 9-55 Avenida Reforma Z.10, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Organization Established Date 22 Jun 1960; NIT # 335886 (Guatemala) [GLOMAG].

2. COMPANIA PROCESADORA DE NIQUEL DE IZABAL, S.A. (a.k.a. COMPANIA PROCESADORA DE NIQUEL; a.k.a. COMPANIA PROCESADORA DE NIQUEL DE IZABAL, SOCIEDAD ANONIMA; a.k.a. "PRONICO"), 9-55 Avenida Reforma Z.10, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Organization Established Date 03 Sep 2013; NIT # 83557008 (Guatemala) [GLOMAG].

3. MAYANIQUEL, SOCIEDAD ANONIMA, 12 Calle 2-25 Z.10,

Guatemala City, Guatemala; Organization Established Date 03 Oct 1996; NIT # 8252149 (Guatemala) [GLOMAG].

Dated: January 17, 2024.

Bradley T. Smith,

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control,
U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Center for Minority Veterans (CMV), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans ("the Committee").

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on June 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be emailed to vacocmv@va.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dwayne Campbell and Mr. Ronald Sagudan, Center for Minority Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW (00M), Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 461-6191. A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current membership can be obtained by contacting Mr. Campbell or Mr. Sagudan or by accessing the website managed by CMV at <https://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/acmv/index.asp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee responsibilities include, but not limited to: (1) Advising the Secretary and Congress on VA's administration of benefits and provisions of healthcare, benefits, and services to minority Veterans.

(2) Providing a biennial report to Congress outlining recommendations, concerns and observations on VA's delivery of services to minority Veterans.

(3) Meeting with VA officials, Veteran Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to assess the Department's efforts in providing benefits and outreach to minority Veterans.

(4) Making periodic site visits and holding town hall meetings with Veterans to address their concerns.

Management and support services for the Committee are provided by the CMV.

Authority: The Committee was established in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 544. In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 544, the Committee advises the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority Veterans; assesses the needs of minority Veterans with respect to such benefits; and evaluates whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities. Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill upcoming vacancies on the Committee.

Membership Criteria

CMV is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. The Committee is currently composed of 12 members, in addition to ex-officio members. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including:

(1) Representatives of Veterans who are minority group members;

(2) Individuals who are recognized authorities in fields pertinent to the needs of Veterans who are minority group members;

(3) Veterans who are minority group members and who have experience in a military theater of operations;

(4) Veterans who are minority group members and who do not have such experience; and

(5) Women Veterans who are minority group members recently separated from active military service.

Section 544 defines "minority group member" as an individual who is Asian American, Black, Hispanic, Native American (including American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian), or Pacific-Islander American.

In accordance with section 544, the Secretary determines the number, terms of service, and pay and allowances of members of the Committee appointed by the Secretary, except that a term of service of any member shall not exceed three years. The Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms of service.

Professional Qualifications: In addition to the criteria above, VA seeks—

(1) Diversity in professional and personal qualifications;

(2) Experience in military service and military deployments (please identify your Branch of Service and Rank);

- (3) Current work with Veterans;
- (4) Committee subject matter expertise;
- (5) Emphasis on experience using VA Service and Benefits.

Requirements for Nomination Submission

Nominations should be type written (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include: (1) a letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.* specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address; (3) the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume, and (4) a summary of the nominee's experience and qualification relative to the professional qualifications criteria listed above.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, males & females, racial and ethnic minority groups, and veterans with disabilities are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of nominations for appointment to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RACGWVI) (hereinafter in this section referred to as "the Committee").

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on March 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be emailed to varacgwvi@va.gov. Please write Nomination for RACGWVI Membership in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Karen Block, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf War Research Program, VA Office of Research and Development at Karen.Block@va.gov. A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current membership can be found at Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses website (<https://www.va.gov/RAC-GWVI/>) or by contacting Dr. Block on (202) 280-3632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, plans and strategies related to understanding and treating the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990-91 Gulf War (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm).

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee and is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. The committee is comprised of Government employees and non-Federal employees. Non-Federal employees are appointed by the Secretary from the general public and will serve as Special Government employees.

The expertise required of Committee membership includes, but is not limited to:

- a. 1990-91 Gulf War Veterans and/or representatives of such Veterans;

- b. Veterans of all eras;
- c. Community leaders, professionals and other concerned stakeholders;
- d. Members of the medical and scientific communities representing disciplines such as epidemiology, genetics, immunology, neurology, toxicology, dentistry, environmental health and justice, occupational and industrial hygiene; and
- e. Experts in advanced medical and scientific technologies including artificial intelligence.

Membership Requirements: The Committee meets at least twice annually, and some members may have an opportunity to participate in additional subcommittee meetings. Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two to three-year term. The Secretary may reappoint Committee members for an additional term of service. Committee members will receive per diem and reimbursement for eligible travel expenses incurred. Self-nominations and nominations of non-Veterans will be accepted. Any letters of nomination from organizations or other individuals should accompany the package when it is submitted.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications including but not limited to subject matter experts in the areas described above. We ask that nominations include any relevant experience information so that VA can ensure diverse Committee membership.

Requirements for Nomination Submission: Nominations must be typed (12 point font) and include:

- (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating that he/she is a U.S. citizen and is willing to serve as a member of the Committee;
- (2) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;
- (3) The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae that is no more than three pages in length. The resume should show professional work experience, and Veterans service involvement, especially service that involves 1990-91 Gulf War Veterans' issues; and
- (4) A one-page cover letter. The cover letter must summarize:

- a. the nominee's interest in serving on the committee and contributions he/she can make to the work of the committee;