

more than just the minimum safety standards found in regulations.

For the reasons noted herein, PHMSA strongly encourages regulated pipeline owners and operators to take the following actions to strengthen their pipeline safety programs:

- Implement a PSMS program and ensure that the program covers all essential elements of an effective PSMS, such as those in API RP 1173.
- Ensure the PSMS program continuously evolves and improves.
- Maintain a positive safety culture that continually promotes diligence throughout the operator's organization and addresses issues that can erode the safety culture.

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Linda Daugherty,

Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons and vessels that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. The vessels placed on the SDN List have been identified as property in which a blocked person has an interest.

DATES: This action was issued on March 20, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On March 20, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

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Individual:

1. WANG, Xueqing (Chinese Simplified: 王学清) (a.k.a. WANG, Xue Qing), China; DOB 08 Sep 1967; nationality China; Gender Male; Passport E79857433 (China) expires 26 Apr 2026; National ID No. 370723196709082538 (China) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: SHANDONG SHOUGUANG LUQING PETROCHEMICAL CO., LTD.).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iv) of Executive Order 13902 of January 10, 2020, "Imposing Sanctions With Respect to Additional Sectors of Iran," 85 FR 2003, 3 CFR, 2020 Comp., p. 299 (E.O. 13902), for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, SHANDONG SHOUGUANG LUQING PETROCHEMICAL CO., LTD.

Entities:

1. ASTRID MENKS LIMITED, Room 1D, 2nd Floor, Fu Tao Building, 98, Argyle Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Organization Established Date 16 May 2022; Identification Number IMO 6362274; Company Number 3152869 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 74045125 (Hong Kong) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

2. CANES VENATICI LIMITED, Room 511, 5th Floor, Ming Sang Industrial Building, 19-21, Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Rm A516 5/F Efficiency HSE, San Po Kong, Hong Kong, China; Organization Established Date 28 Jun 2022; Identification Number IMO 6354393; Company Number 3166681 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 74184377 (Hong Kong) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

3. SHANDONG SHOUGUANG LUQING PETROCHEMICAL CO., LTD. (Chinese Simplified: 山东寿光鲁清石化有限公司), Bohai Industrial Park, Shouguang, Shandong 262715, China; Organization Established Date 01 Aug 2000; Organization Code 724809024 (China); Legal Entity Number 300300OD0XCAZXQDEK71; Registration Number 370783228001060 (China); Unified Social Credit Code (USCC) 91370783724809024G (China) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

4. ZENITH BRIDGE INC, Office E, 20th Floor, Global Plaza Building, Calle 50, Panama City, Panama; Organization Established Date 30 Aug 2024; Identification Number IMO 0052848; Commercial Registry Number 155756205 (Panama) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

5. BRITNEY RYDER LIMITED (a.k.a. BRITNEY RYDER LTD), Rm A516 5/F Efficiency HSE, San Po Kong, Hong Kong, China; Organization Established Date 27 May 2022; Identification Number IMO 6339741; Business Registration Number 74087357 (Hong Kong) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

6. CITYWALLSHIP MANAGEMENT CO LTD, Room 1610, 16th Floor, Building A, World Trade Center, Xianggang Zhonglu, Shinan Qu, Qingdao, Shandong, China; Identification Number IMO 6488219 [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

7. JETEE CO., LIMITED (a.k.a. JETEE CO LTD), Room 104, Unit 1, Building 1, 153, Gangpu Lu, Zhongshan Qu, Dalian, Liaoning, China; Rm A516 5/F Efficiency HSE, San Po Kong, Hong Kong, China; Organization Established Date 05 May 2022; Identification Number IMO 6318210; Business Registration Number 74014358 (Hong Kong) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

8. PLACENCIA SERVICES INCORPORATION, Liberia; Identification Number IMO 6487533 [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

9. SEAPALM SHIPPING LIMITED, PO Box 1137, Victoria, Mahe Island, Seychelles; Organization Established Date 2020; Identification Number IMO 6347414 [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

10. LYRARI GROUP LTD, Hudsun Chambers, P.O. Box 986, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, British; Organization Established Date 2023; Identification Number IMO 6466926 [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

11. SEA BREEZE SHIPPING INC, Global Plaza, Calle 50, Panama City, Panama; Organization Established Date 17 Jul 2024; Identification Number IMO 0014181; Commercial Registry Number 155754383 (Panama) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

12. SETASEAN SHIP MANAGEMENT LIMITED (a.k.a. SETASEAN SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD), 917B, 9th Floor, Block A, New Mandarin Plaza, 14, Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Organization Established Date 22 Jan 2024; Identification Number IMO 6472859; Company Number 3361541 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 76149173 (Hong Kong) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

On March 20, 2025, OFAC also identified the following vessels as property in which a blocked person has an interest under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Vessels:

1. CATALINA 7 (3E4129) Crude Oil Tanker Panama flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9310159; MMSI 352001485 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: CANES VENATICI LIMITED).

Identified as property in which CANES VENATICI LIMITED, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

2. NATALINA 7 (D6A3622) Crude Oil Tanker Comoros flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9310147; MMSI 620999608 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: ASTRID MENKS LIMITED).

Identified as property in which ASTRID MENKS LIMITED, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

3. BRAVA LAKE (8P2225) Crude Oil Tanker Barbados flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9232876; MMSI 314867000 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: ZENITH BRIDGE INC).

Identified as property in which ZENITH BRIDGE INC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

4. MONTROSE (T7BJ4) Crude Oil Tanker San Marino flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9281695; MMSI 268240502 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: PLACENCIA SERVICES INCORPORATION).

Identified as property in which PLACENCIA SERVICES INC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

5. TITAN (TJ03M) Crude Oil Tanker Unknown flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9293741 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: SEAPALM SHIPPING LIMITED).

Identified as property in which SEAPALM SHIPPING LIMITED, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

6. VOLANS (a.k.a. NEW MILOS) (8PDO3) Crude Oil Tanker Barbados flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9422988; MMSI 314679000 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: BRITNEY RYDER LIMITED).

Identified as property in which BRITNEY RYDER LIMITED, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

7. AURORA RILEY (HPKT) Crude Oil Tanker Panama flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9181649; MMSI 356024000 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: LYRARI GROUP LTD).

Identified as property in which LYRARI GROUP LTD, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

8. VIOLA (3EHD8) Crude Oil Tanker Panama flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9254915; MMSI 354951000 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: SEA BREEZE SHIPPING INC).

Identified as property in which SEA BREEZE SHIPPING INC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902, has an interest.

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans and Survivors Pension and Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, VA is hereby giving notice of COLA in certain benefit rates and income limitations. These COLAs affect the Pension and Parents' DIC programs. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2024, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 2.5%.

DATES: The COLAs became effective December 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Holovacs, Management and Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8863. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 5312 and Public Law (Pub. L.) 95-588 sec. 306, VA is required to increase the benefit rates and income limitations in the Pension and Parents' DIC programs by the same percentage, and effective the same date, as increases in the benefit amounts payable under Title II of the Social Security Act. VA is required to publish the increased rates and income limitations in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration announced a 2.5% COLA increase in

Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2024. Therefore, applying the same percentage and rounding in accordance with 38 CFR 3.29, the following increased rates and income limitations for the VA Pension and Parents' DIC programs became effective December 1, 2024:

Pension

Maximum Annual Rates—Veterans

(1) Veterans permanently and totally disabled (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$16,965.

Veteran with one dependent, \$22,216.

For each additional dependent, \$2,902.

(2) Veterans in need of aid and attendance (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$28,300.

Veteran with one dependent, \$33,548.

For each additional dependent, \$2,902.

(3) Veterans who are housebound (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Veteran with no dependents, \$20,732.

Veteran with one dependent, \$25,982.

For each additional dependent, \$2,902.

(4) Two Veterans married to one another, combined rates (38 U.S.C. 1521):

Neither Veteran in need of aid and attendance or housebound, \$22,216.

Either Veteran in need of aid and attendance, \$33,548.

Both Veterans in need of aid and attendance, \$44,886.

Either Veteran housebound, \$25,982.

Both Veterans housebound, \$29,747.

One Veteran housebound and one Veteran in need of aid and attendance, \$37,305.

For each dependent child, \$2,902.

(5) Net worth limit under 38 CFR 3.274(a):

For purposes of entitlement to VA pension, the net worth limit effective December 1, 2024, is \$159,240.

(6) Monthly Penalty Rate under 38 CFR 3.276(e)(1):

The monthly penalty rate is \$2,795.

Mexican border period and World War I Veterans: The applicable

maximum annual rate payable to a Mexican border period or World War I Veteran under this table shall be the applicable rate under paragraph (1)–(4), increased by \$3,857. (38 U.S.C. 1521(g)).

Maximum Annual Rates—Survivor Beneficiaries

(7) Surviving spouse alone and with a child or children of the deceased Veteran in custody of the surviving spouse (38 U.S.C. 1541):

Surviving spouse alone, \$11,380.

Surviving spouse and one child in his or her custody, \$14,893.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,902.

(8) Surviving spouses in need of aid and attendance (38 U.S.C. 1541, 1536):

Surviving spouse alone, \$18,187.

Surviving spouse with one child in custody, \$21,696.

Surviving Spouse of Spanish-American War Veteran alone, \$18,923.

Surviving Spouse of Spanish-American War Veteran with one child in custody, \$22,353.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,902.

(9) Surviving spouses who are housebound (38 U.S.C. 1541):

Surviving spouse alone, \$13,908.

Surviving spouse and one child in his or her custody, \$17,414.

For each additional child in his or her custody, \$2,902.

(10) Surviving child alone (38 U.S.C. 1542), \$2,902.

(11) Net worth limit under 38 CFR 3.274(a):

For purposes of entitlement to VA pension, the net worth limit effective December 1, 2024, is \$159,240.

(12) Monthly Penalty Rate under 38 CFR 3.276(e)(1):

If we determine you're subject to a pension penalty, we wouldn't pay pension benefits during the penalty period.

Section 306 Pension Income Limitations

Veteran or surviving spouse with no dependents, \$19,295 (Pub. L. 95-588 sec. 306(a)).

Veteran in need of aid and attendance with no dependents, \$19,990 (38 U.S.C.