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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ACTS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT NETWORK SUPPORTING IRAN'S MAHAN AIR

WASHINGTON, DC— The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) announced today that it has issued a Temporary Denial Order (TDO) against six parties in Indonesia for operating an international procurement network of aircraft parts suppliers and repair facilities to acquire and repair U.S.-origin goods for Mahan Air in violation of U.S. law.

"The United States is engaged in a maximum-pressure campaign to curb Iran's malign influence, and we will not tolerate illegal exports to Iran that seek to undermine that effort," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "We will continue enforcing every measure necessary to stop Iran's continued pursuit of U.S. technology."

Named in the order are Sunarko Kuntjoro, Satrio Wihargo Sasmito, Triadi Senna Kuntjoro, PT MS Aero Support, PT Antasena Kreasi, and PT Kandiyasa Energi Utama. As set forth in the order, Respondents have been involved in operating an international procurement scheme to illegally obtain and repair U.S.-origin aircraft parts on behalf of Mahan Air and Mustafa Oveici (Oveici), an Iranian executive for Mahan Air.

Mahan Air has been on BIS's Denied Persons List since March 2008, due to numerous significant, continuing, deliberate, and covert violations of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). Oveici was placed on the BIS Entity List in December 2013. Previously, the Department of Justice announced indictments against four of these businesses and individuals in federal court for charges including conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, international money laundering, and false statements. Mahan Air was designated by the Treasury Department pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 in October 2011 for providing financial, material, and technological support to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF).

TDOs deny the export privileges of a company or individual to prevent an imminent or on-going export control violation. These orders are issued for a renewable 180-day period and cut-off not only the right to export from the United States, but also the right to receive or participate in exports from the United States. A TDO also prohibits third parties from exporting or reexporting any item subject to the EAR to or on behalf of a denied person.

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