



INVITATION TO THE 'PAYBACK' CONFERENCE FOR THE REGULATED SECTOR

BIRMINGHAM, 12TH MARCH 2009

Dear colleague,

Crime pays? More like... you pay.

As we all know, most crime, particularly serious organised crime, is about money. If your business was targeted to launder the proceeds of crime, it wouldn't just be communities that would suffer, you would too.

To help make businesses less vulnerable to abuse from crime, the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) is hosting a special **free*** one day conference in Birmingham on Thursday March 12 – and we have great pleasure in inviting you.

We have designed a programme specifically to reflect the needs of those captured within the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 (MLRs), to provide guidance on how best to ensure your business is compliant, to share ideas and to help your business mitigate against the possibility of someone using it to launder the proceeds of crime.

The conference is being run under the 'Payback' banner, a multi-agency approach to taking the cash out of crime, which brings together law enforcement, regulators and industry bodies to share best practice and experience in relation to the MLRs 2007 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).

We hope this conference will make you more aware than ever that your role in identifying any suspicious activity taking place during your day-to-day work can make a real difference in protecting your business and reducing the harm we see in communities today.

The conference will be chaired by the Head of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU), David Thomas, and the programme will include speakers from regulatory bodies and financial institutions, as well as from SOCA and local law enforcement, the latter providing examples of how Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) have featured in their work, giving a local perspective on the value of reporting.

Additionally, there will be interactive breakout sessions by a number of regulators on their roles as supervisors, as well as other law enforcement/government agency case study presentations.



Throughout the conference there will also be an opportunity to ask questions of a panel of experts on any areas which have been covered during the day.

The day will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm, and as a key strategy in the government's fight against crime we are pleased to bring this to you on a **NO COST BASIS***.

The venue is: National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0EJ. It is on a first come, first served basis so book early to avoid disappointment. The closing date for registration is 13 February 2009.

If you would like to attend, please send your details to fiudialogue@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk indicating 'Payback Conference Registration – Birmingham' in the subject field, or fax these details to 020 7238 8667 and an official Registration Form will be sent out to you.

Name:

Organisation:

Position/Role:

The sector your business relates to (please delete as applicable): e.g. Accountant, Money Services Business, Financial Services, Legal Profession, Estate Agency etc:

Postal Address (including postcode):

Telephone Number/Mobile Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

Any special dietary requirements or specific needs e.g. wheelchair access (please specify):

We will send out joining instructions on acceptance which will include further details of the agenda and identification criteria on the day.

We sincerely hope you will join us in what we believe will be an exciting and thought provoking event.

Regards



David Thomas

Head of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU)

*** Completion of registration constitutes a legally binding agreement. Places are free of charge and a place will be allocated to the person named on the booking form. However if the place is cancelled less than 10 days before the conference or the delegate does not attend, a £55 administration charge may be levied. Substitutions are permitted but these must be notified in writing by fax or e-mail prior to the event.**

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