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**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

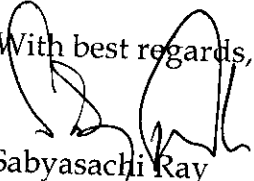
Dear All,

Greetings from the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council!

This Council has received a communication from the Ministry wherein it states that the Indian Ambassador of Santiago, Chile has sent a note on the recent incidents of fraud cases in Chile. Some Indian companies have brought to the notice of the Mission that they have been cheated by bogus companies in Latin America. On receipt of consignments these local companies do not settle the dues. A copy of the letter is enclosed which is self explanatory.

As advised by the Ambassador of India, Chile the members are requested to take note of the same and take due care for business transactions with such fraud companies.

Thanking you,

With best regards,  
  
Sabyasachi Ray  
Executive Director

Encl: as above

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 Ambassador of India  
 Embajador de la India  
 Santiago, Chile

No. SANTI/FCAS/10446/2010

March 22, 2010

Dear Shri Mukim,

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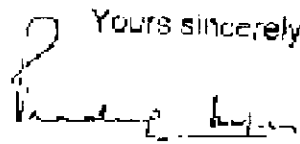
Recently in January the Indian company called FSR International India lodged a complaint with our Mission in Bogota of one such incident. Since the consignment was forwarded to the port of Arica in Chile, this complaint was forwarded to us.

We have taken up the issue with Chilean INTERPOL to investigate the recent incident. The outcome of the incident will be informed on receipt. In the meantime, it would be useful to warn concerned organizations in India appropriately about the antecedents of the Latin American company, even though it changes its name frequently.

A self-explanatory note on the recent incident prepared by the Second Secretary (Com), is enclosed for your information.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
 (Pradeep K. Kapur)

Shri Anil Mukim  
 Joint Secretary (FT/LAG)  
 Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
 New Delhi

**EMBASSY OF INDIA**  
**SANTIAGO**

**FRAUD CASES**

The First Secretary (Com), Embassy of India, Bogota telephonically informed in early January that one Indian company PSR has lodged a complaint with them that a Colombian company has not settled its dues for the consignment they dispatched to them in November and December 2009. He also said that he will be asking the Indian company to get in touch with the Embassy of India in Santiago because the destination of the consignment is Arica in Chile.

Four small exporters of India have been cheated by one unidentified buyer in Latin America M/s Rodrigo Corporation. This company uses different names from different countries. Sometimes it shows Venezuelan, sometimes Colombian, etc.

The company, Rodrigo Corporation (changes name frequently) requests that documents be sent to their bankers in such countries, and the goods be sent to a port of destination in Chile, generally Arica or Iquique.

In all such cases the names, addresses and contact details of both, buyers and bankers have turned out to be false.

Since the terms of payment are "Documents against Payment at Sight", technically the buyer can take possession of the cargo on presentation of the original Bill of Lading. The buyers have taken advantage of this provision to get the original shipping documents, collect the cargo, and disappear. Payment, therefore, is never made.

Subsequently Mission got copies of correspondence (emails) exchanged between the following Indian companies and the foreign company in Latin America:

1. M/s Sopan Overseas Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s PSR International India
3. M/s Subham Exports
4. M/s Chandra Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.

The then Charge d'Affaires immediately sought a meeting with the Director, INTERPOL, Chile and discussed the issue. INTERPOL was also informed that such incidents had also happened in 2006 and now they have been reappeared.

At the advice of the INTERPOL, the officer called on the Director, International Cooperation and Extradition of the Ministry of Public who immediately ordered INTERPOL to investigate the issue.

At the advice of the INTERPOL, the Indian companies were requested to lodge a formal complaint duly attested by the Chilean Embassy in Delhi. On receipt, it was sent to INTERPOL.

The INTERPOL has been investigating these fraud cases.

As per our discussions with INTERPOL, it was not possible to detain the consignment as the company Rodrigo Corporation was in possession of original documents. Consignment has already been released. INTERPOL hopes that they will be able to track down the culprit and he will be brought to the books.