

The Alert List is a list of suspected boiler rooms, scam websites, phishes and unlicensed overseas entities which have come to the attention of the SFC. You can either search by name or by type to check whether an entity is already on the List.

In many cases, these entities adopt names which are similar to legitimate financial institutions. This is often done to give investors a false impression about with whom they are dealing. Also, they may claim to be based in a country when they do not actually operate there. Operators often use "virtual offices" to redirect calls and mail to overseas locations.

The List is not exhaustive. New information will be added as they come to the SFC's attention.

Name: Merchant Lerner & Associates

Type of Scam: Boiler Rooms

Address(es): East Point Centre
555 Hennessy Road
Hong Kong

Website: www.merchantlerner.com

Remarks: The above address given by the company is incomplete. The company uses a bank account in Hong Kong in the name of Gateway Corporate Services Limited.

Add Date: 14 November 2006

Name: Newman Bell Mergers & Acquisitions

Type of Scam: Boiler Rooms

Address(es): Cheung Kong Center
2 Queen's Road Central
Hong Kong

Website: www.newmanbell.com

Remarks: The company refers potential investors to check a purported US government organization "International Fraud Assessment Agency" [website: www.fraudassessment.org] for its legitimacy. The company's address in Hong Kong is incomplete.

Add Date: 15 November 2006

Name: Pan-Index Limited

Type of Scam: Boiler Rooms

Address(es): Suite 202, Alexandra House
The Sweepstakes
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4, Ireland

Website: www.pan-index.com
888.pan-index.com

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