

BACKGROUND OF FACT

On the 8th of this month, diverse documentation was processed by UIFAND (Andorran Financial Intelligence Unit) in relation to the facts in these proceedings.

Specifically, during the processing of a disciplinary file on the entity, the examiner of the administrative proceedings noted that, from BPA SERVEIS, various instrumental companies were formed, and that from those the persons investigated made payments into accounts which were opened in the same bank for civil servants or politicians, with posts of responsibility, dependent on PDVSA or its subsidiaries. In this context, the following table shows the payments made.

Orderer (BPA)	Status	Amount	Beneficiary (BPA)	Status
Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ	Financial director of Diego Salazar	€14.9 M	Diego SALAZAR	True beneficiary of the account
Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ	Financial director of Diego Salazar	€1.8 M	Nervis VILLALOBOS	Ex-Vice-Minister of Electricity
UNOVALORES LTD.	Venezuelan clearing house	€30.2 M	Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ.
UNOVALORES LTD.	Venezuelan clearing house	€269,400	Julia VAN DEN BRULE	Linked to PDVSA
UNOVALORES LTD.	Venezuelan clearing house	€269,400	Ingrid SANCHEZ ROSALES	Presumed to be General Secretary of the Minister RAMIREZ
UNOVALORES LTD.	Venezuelan clearing house	X €/USD	Antonio SALVADOR LOZANO	Chairman of Board of Directors BPA Uruguay. He introduced customers to BPA
Javier ALVARADO	Ex-Vice-Minister of Energy, ex-president of EDC and CADAFE. President of Bariven S.A., subsidiary of BARIVEN S.A. (PDVSA subsidiary)	USD 60,000	Albino FERRERAS GARZA	Director of a PDVSA subsidiary
Javier ALVARADO	Idem	€510,000	Anna PIÑERO	Andorran nationality
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister Ramirez	USD 1.06 M	Albino FERRERAS GARZA	Director of a PDVSA subsidiary
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister Ramirez	USD 8.2M	Francisco Rafael JIMENEZ VILLARROEL	Director DELTAVEN S.A. (PDVSA subsidiary) and ex-director of PDVSA
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister Ramirez	€500,000	Mariela MATHIEUS BAPTISTA	Reviser of payments from PDVIC (PDVSA subsidiary)
Eudomario CARRUYO	Ex-financial director PDVSA. Authorizes payments from PDVIC.	----	----	Has an account with BPA

Orderer (BPA)	Status	Amount	Beneficiary (BPA)	Status
Endomario CARRIJO	Ex-financial director PDVSA. Authorizes payments from PDVIC	€6.5 M	He himself in the Swiss account	Idem.
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ.	€72,600	Francisco Rafael JIMENEZ VILLARROEL	Director of DELTAVEN S.A. (PDVSA subsidiary) and ex-director of PDVSA
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€326,000	Fidel D. RAMIREZ CARREÑO	Brother of Minister RAMIREZ and doctor treating the late President CHAVEZ
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€160,400	Hugo R. BOLIVAR FARIAS	Civil servant attached to SENIAT (Customs and Taxation Admin.)
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€115,500	Hercilio J. RIVAS SIERRA	Ex-director of PDVSA
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€70,200	Jose Ignacio DE OTEYZA	Director of Citibank Colombia
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€69,300	Leonardo DIAZ PARUTA	Director of the Autonomous Institute of Municipal Police of Chacao (VEN)
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€380,900	Miguel A. GOMEZ NUÑEZ	Former Venezuelan Ambassador to Nicaragua
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	€66,800	Sarah MOYA MACHIADO	Managing Director PDVSA GAS - Columbia
Diego SALAZAR	Cousin of Minister RAMIREZ	USD 1.7 M	Tomas NIEMBRO CONCHA (in USA)	Executive President of Occidental Discount Bank, VEN
Nervis VILLALOBOS	Ex-Vice-Minister of Electricity	€ 70,000	Julia Van Den Brule	Linked to PDVSA
Luis C. de LEON PEREZ	EDC Financial Director (State)	USD 2.5M	He himself, in the BPA account	Idem.
Luis C. de LEON PEREZ	EDC Financial Director (State)	€2.3 M	He himself, in the Swiss account	Idem.
Jose Luis ZABALA	Partner of Omar FARIAS and Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ (financial director of Diego SALAZAR)	€908,000	Miryam E. BELDOYA DE LOZADA	President bank director Bancreccer, Ven.
Javier ALVARADO	Ex-Vice-Minister of Energy, Ex-president of EDC and CADAFE. President of BARIVEN S.A., (PDVSA subsidiary)	€6.7 M	He himself	Idem.

To these must be added that on 26 October 2012 the company GASEH.I. INTERNACIONAL INC received from HIGH ADVISORY AND CONSULTING SA the sum of USD 5,000,000 for the contracting of Rubén Dario FIGUERA OLIVARI as engineer. It must be noted that FIGUERA OLIVARI is the principal director of the state companies PETROINDEPENDENCIA SA and PETROCARABOBOSA of Venezuela.

During November 2007 the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the People's Republic of China signed a framework cooperation agreement entitled *Fondo de Cooperación Binacional* in which it was agreed that China would grant loans to Venezuela through BDC, for investments in Venezuela.

During September 2010 a new framework agreement was signed, entitled *El Gran Volumen*.

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In the first place, only China put up money, specifically USD 20,000 million, and it was agreed that Chinese companies would be contracted to carry out the projects to be developed.

Second, half the money, that is to say USD 10,000 million, would be repaid in Chinese Yuan. The rest through delivery of oil from the Venezuelan State.

With the addition that the sum of money lent by China was increased by the application of agreed interest. It is, then, a financial sum which Venezuela had available in advance so that the Executive could contract companies of Chinese origin (according to clauses of *El Gran Volumen*) for the construction of large-scale infrastructures, also the supply of energy material for public industry in the oil and electricity sectors (also with a national and shared interest).

These funds were to be handled by BANDES (Banco de Desarrollo Económico y Social de Venezuela) and allocated to the building of infrastructures and the supply of material in the energy sector.

In this context, in 2010, the shareholding of the company INVER DT was changed, Diego SALAZAR acquiring 99% of the shares from Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ, and between 29 November 2011 and 06 September 2012, five Chinese companies made payments to Highland Assets for an amount of USD 154,120,449.30. Highland Assets is an instrumental Panamanian company formed by BPA SERVEIS of which the ultimate beneficiary is Diego SALAZAR. This operation is justified by various contracts of advice between the Chinese companies and INVER DT. Now, it is to be noted that the Chinese companies which contracted the advice did not do so on the basis of a budget which detailed the concepts of the consideration, but rather the total paid by each company corresponds to a percentage of 10% or 15% of the works contract obtained in the framework of the *Gran Volumen* plan. Works and material relating to the extraction of oil, a sector controlled exclusively by PDVSA. It must be noted also that, although the services were supplied in Venezuela, the payment was made entirely in Andorra.

The rest, some USD 145.7 million, was transferred by PDVIC to the instrumental company ISB SOCIEDAD CA SA (Panama) with an account at the Bank. It is strange that in this case, although the company has a name similar to that of the Venezuelan insurance company referred to above, in practice this one is Panamanian. In these conditions the national regulations in matters of insurance would not be met.

It has to be asked, then, how could civil servants in a public company which contracts, supervises, authorizes and pays more than USD 145 million to a single company have been unaware of that circumstance. Furthermore, when the payment was made outside their national financial circuit.

One of the ultimate beneficiaries of this multimillion sum of public money which arrived in the account of the instrumental Panamanian company is Diego SALAZAR. At the same time as the latter is first cousin to the president of the state company PDVSA for which the insurance policies were contracted. The civil servants who supervise and pay the money do so in the name of the PDVIC subsidiary, but they are part of PDVSA.

And finally, one of these employees, Mariela MATHEUS BAPTISTA, is supervisor of payments arriving in the bank accounts, being in her turn the beneficiary of internal transfers for a value of 500,000 euro, ordered by Diego SALAZAR himself.