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ERFCO FURNACES: FCO TO APPROACH DIRCO

1. For your information please find attached a copy of a note which the FCO intend to pass to DIRCO regarding ERFCO Furnaces. FCO will request that DIRCO take action with ERFCO in order to halt their business dealings with Iran.



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To whom it may concern  
DIRCO

**URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO HALT ERFCO FURNACES SUPPLYING  
EQUIPMENT TO IRAN**

1. An Iranian entity known as LMI is in the advanced stages of procuring a furnace and accessories from the South African company Electric Resistance Furnaces SA (ERFCO). According to reliable reporting, LMI is a front company set up by the Iranian Shahid Sattari Ground Equipment Industries (SSGEI) organisation, which is responsible for the production of missile launchers and ground support equipment and is involved in the development of rocket bodies. SSGEI is subordinate to the Shahid Bakeri Industrial Group (SBIG), which is responsible for Iran's solid-propelled ballistic missile programme and was designated under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737.
2. Details of the furnace and accessories are unavailable. Whilst however it may not be controlled in its own right, it is known that it will significantly enhance Iran's ability to produce ballistic missiles, including some which would be suitable for carrying nuclear warheads.
3. According to further reliable reporting the Iranian Esfahan Steel Alloy Complex, which is working closely with SSGEI and is acting as LMI, is expecting a visit towards the end of November 2009 by dual UK/South African citizen [REDACTED] to carry out work on equipment which is already in Iran. He is to be accompanied by another individual who previously worked for ERFCO and is now based in Europe. Esfahan Steel were expecting deliveries of equipment which is probably Programmable Logic Controller(PLC)-related from ERFCO in early November. Esfahan Steel/LMI are expecting a further visit by ERFCO personnel in January 2010 for final start-up of the equipment provided by ERFCO.
4. According to reporting from a separate source, Iranian entities associated with the Iranian Defence Industries Organisation (DIO) made payments to ERFCO totalling between 500,000 and one million US dollars and/or Euros between late 2007 and early 2009. The DIO too was designated under UNSCR 1737.
5. In view of the above, and in the light of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1737 and 1747, we would be grateful for any action you may be able to take under your export licensing laws to prevent the proposed visits going ahead, and any other dealings ERFCO and other South African entities may have with Esfahan Steel/LMI. We believe such action would be consistent with South Africa's international obligations, as it would be with ours.

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WRITE-IN CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. We are writing to inform your Service of an individual based in Durban, South Africa that claims to have knowledge of extremist activity.
2. The individual's name is [REDACTED] he claims to be a recent convert to Islam and recently contacted our service via email address [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] informed our service of a radical Sheikh called [REDACTED] who is radicalising youths in the Durban area. [REDACTED] alleges that [REDACTED] will travel to Somalia at the end of this month.
4. [REDACTED] also informed us of a number of youths that he believed to have travelled to Kandahar. They were called [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In addition he claimed there are several youths currently undergoing pilot training before travelling to an undisclosed location in Europe.
5. Our service would be grateful if you could provide any further information either on the originator of the email or the individuals listed within. We intend to continue to communicate with [REDACTED] in order to further assess his access and would be grateful for your Services assistance with this.

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REQUEST FOR SUBSCRIBER DETAILS

The following intelligence must be handled in accordance with the procedures set down in the British High Commission Guidance note, of 4 August 2006, on handling UK Intelligence derived from intercept.

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1. Intercept shows that Somali mobile [REDACTED] was in contact with South African mobiles [REDACTED] during the period of 1 March to 1 June 2009.
2. Somali mobile [REDACTED] is used by [REDACTED] an associate of [REDACTED] who is involved in the running of an Al-Qa'ida linked camp in Somalia. [REDACTED] is a senior al-Shabaab member and Al-Qa'ida associate. [REDACTED] formally acted as a bodyguard for (now deceased) AQ operative in East Africa [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] He was also actively involved in the running of the insurgency in Mogadishu in 2007-8 prior to the Ethiopian troop withdrawal.
3. We would be grateful for subscriber details, traces and 30 days call records analysis on South African numbers [REDACTED]

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