

EXHIBIT 9



March 27, 2017

Eric Lewis
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Re: FinCEN Appeal #A2016-497

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This responds to your letter to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") dated February 15, 2017 and received by FinCEN on February 17, 2017, regarding your appeal of FinCEN's November 21, 2016 decision to withhold in full 347 pages of records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request (Case No. 2016-497).

As you know, your request has been remanded to FinCEN's FOIA Officer for further processing. As a result, FinCEN has recently located an additional [36] page of responsive records (this number includes the additional [1] page identified in our February 27, 2017 letter). FinCEN is currently considering the arguments raised in your appeal and will process these additional [36] pages of responsive records in connection with your appeal. We expect to be able to provide a further response in connection with your appeal by April 7, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamal El-Hindi", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jamal El-Hindi
Acting Director