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SECURITY ADVISORY: PROJECTS/ COMPANIES / OFFICES

- The general security situation in Afghanistan is General. uncertain. The Eastern, South Eastern and Southern regions of Afghanistan are volatile. The Northern, Western and Central regions are somewhat less volatile. However, Baghlan, and Badakshan provinces of Northeastern region and Kabul province of Central region are unstable. Stringent security measures are required in Eastern, South Eastern and Southern regions of Afghanistan. Adequate security precautions commensurate with prevailing threat level also need to be exercised in other parts of Afghanistan. There was an increase in violence in 2005 with 28 kidnapping incidents, 25 suicide attacks, 203 mine / IED attacks and 78 rocket attacks. The trend of increase in violence continues. Besides attacks on Coalition Forces (CF), International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) terrorists are now attacking soft targets like govt officials, schools, clinics, aid workers and innocent civilians.
- 2. **Security Agencies.** The following security agencies provide a full range of security services in Afghanistan:-
 - (a) Saladin Security
 - (b) United States Protection and Investigation (USPI)
 - (c) SSSi
 - (d) Global Security
 - (e) Dyna Corps
 - (f) Black Water
- 3. <u>Verification of Local Employees</u>. Verification of local employees with the assistance from Afghan police authorities should be carried out prior to their employment.
- 4. **Insurance.** Indians employed in Afghanistan are advised to ensure that their contracts include adequate provisions for compensation and insurance.
- 5. **Security Guards.** At residences and offices, round the clock security and surveillance is necessary to ensure security.

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- 6. **Movement.** All movement should be in a vehicle. An armed escort is advised. Further, movement may be undertaken only during daylight hours.
- 8. **Registration**. All Indian nationals are advised to register with the Consular Section of the Embassy of India.
- 9. **Emergency.** In case of emergency call **0799493154/0799098001**

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1. **General Situation**. The general security situation in Afghanistan is uncertain. The Eastern, South Eastern and Southern regions of Afghanistan are volatile. The Northern, Western and Central regions are somewhat less volatile. However, Badakshan province of Northeastern region, Kabul and Wardak provinces of Central region are unstable. **There was an increase in violence in 2005 with 28 kidnapping incidents, 25 suicide attacks, 203 mine / IED attacks and 78 rocket attacks. In the past four months in this year, there have been eight kidnapping incidents, 27 suicide attacks, 61 mine / IED attacks and 44 rocket attacks.** The trend of increase in violence continues. Besides attacks on Coalition Forces (CF), International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) terrorists are now attacking soft targets like govt officials, schools, clinics, aid workers and innocent civilians.

2. **Current Security Threats.**

- (a) Infiltration of anti govt elements (AGE) in North Eastern region.
- (b) AGEs activities, both Taliban and Al Qaeda affiliated groups have a presence in Western Region and are building up a series of networks.
- (c) Insufficient number of security forces in Southern, South Eastern regions.
- (d) Presence of foreign fighters bringing tactics, training procedures to Southern and South Eastern region.
- (d) Traditional support from the locals to AGEs in South Eastern region.
- (e) Increase in violent activities by AGEs in Eastern region.
- (f) VBIED attacks in Kabul.
- (g) Kidnapping threat against internationals.
- (j) The start of spring and the traditional increase in AGE / criminal activities in the Central region.
- 3. **Precautionary Measures.** Refer to the following security advisories issued earlier:-

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- (a) KAB/DA/0217 dated 13 Dec 05.
- (b) KAB/Chy/01/06 dated 20 Feb 06.
- (c) KAB/815/02/06 dated 29 Apr 06.

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All Indian nationals are advised to avoid travel to Bamiyan and Daikundi provinces via Jalrez-Bamiyan road. If travel is necessary use the Kabul-Jabul Siraj- Bamiyan road. Restrict movement in Maydan Shahr District and other parts of Wardak province.

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There are an increased number of Vehicle Check Points in and around Kabul City manned by Afghan National Army (ANA) or Afghan National Police (ANP). At a number of locations such as Jalalabad Road and the Airport Road, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Coalition Forces (CF) assist ANA/ANP. All Indian nationals are advised to adhere the following guidelines at these Check Points:-

- (a) All vehicles to obey stop signs from ANA/ANP and ISAF/CF.
- (b) Drive very slowly on approach. At night, dim beams and switch on internal light.
- (c) The driver is to keep hands visible at all times (no sudden movements)
- (d) Show ID if requested. Do not surrender your ID card (keep on a cord around neck.)
- (e) If stopped, all Indian national are to identify themselves.
- (f) If they insist on search of your vehicle, do not resist. Follow the searcher to ensure nothing is planted or stolen.

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