

January 7, 2014 Circular N° SBP-DJ-0002-2014

General Manager

Subject: Warning. Forged letter with the

letterhead of the SBP and the Superintendent's signature.

Dear General Manager:

We have received from a bank in the marketplace, a copy of a letter allegedly issued by the Superintendent of Banks, dated December 11, 2013 and addressed to the general manager of a company that supposedly is a client of the Bank.

For your reference, we have attached a copy of the above letter, from which we have omitted, for understandable reasons, the name of the Bank, the name of the addressee and the company, as well as the account number and referenced amount.

As you can see in the letter, this is a crude and obvious falsification, considering the fact that on the one hand, the topic and actions indicated do not correspond to the powers of this Superintendency, and, on the other, the features of the letterhead differ from those used by the Institution for 2013, including the adjustments made necessary by the name change for the Tower in which the offices of the Superintendency are located.

Given the above, and despite the fact that, according to our records, this is the first time this has happened, we request you provide the relevant instructions to your staff in order to take the necessary preventive actions to avoid the misuse of the communications issued by the Superintendent of Banks.

Sincerely,

Alberto C. Vasquez R. Interim Superintendent

Enc.: a/s

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