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The Financial Services Authority (FSA) has today published this statement in order to warn investors against dealing with unauthorised firms.

This statement is to advise members of the public that an organisation identifying itself as

EUROPEAN OFFSHORE TRADING COMPANY (UK)

is not authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) to carry on a regulated activity in the UK. Regulated activities includes, amongst other things, advising on investments, arranging deals in investments, managing investments and accepting deposits. The FSA believes that the firm may be targeting UK customers.

Investors should be aware that **the Financial Ombudsman Service and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme are not available** if you deal with an unauthorised company or individual.

To find out whether a company or individual is authorised go to our Register of authorised firms and individuals at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/register/home.do>.

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Note: For an up-to-date list of unauthorised firms issued by the FSA go to <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/Pages/Doing/Regulated/Law/Alerts/index.shtml>

For further information concerning unauthorised firms targeting UK investors see the press release issued on 6 June 2006 at

<http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/Library/Communication/PR/2006/053.shtml>

For more details about the tactics that are commonly adopted by unauthorised firms targeting UK investors see the warning issued in April 2005 available at

<http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/Library/Communication/PR/2005/039.shtml>

The Share Investments Scam leaflet issued in October 2004 available at

http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk/pdfs/share_scams.pdf