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The Deputy Governor,
Central Bank of Nigeria,
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Attention: DG Ade Sonubi

EFCC CONFISCATION OF GOODS IN TRANSIT WITH BANKERS WAREHOUSE

We want to convey to you that once again, we are facing a challenge with one of the security agencies (this time the EFCC), who detained our couriers yesterday evening while attempting to board an Arik air flight from Enugu to Lagos, conveying currency on behalf of Union Bank. They were transporting US Dollar.

When questioned, they presented their Identity cards, identifying themselves as Bankers Warehouse employees on official CIT movement and also provided the letter of authority issued by the bank, covering that movement.

Despite the information provided, the EFCC insisted on detaining our employees, taking possession of our goods and threatening to confiscate the currency, without making themselves available to our senior managers, or other agencies familiar with our movements.

This evening our attention has been drawn to an article in the *Daily Trust Online*, as well as the EFCC website <https://efccnigeria.org>, where our staff have been paraded as suspected money launderers; exposing the identity of our client and portraying our company in not just a negative, but criminal light.

We seek your intervention as our regulator, to address this issue of constant harassment of our staff, by security agencies, which constitutes a risk that could threaten the lives and safety of our employees and the cargo they are tasked with conveying.

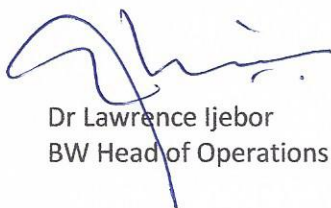
Also, kindly recall that the CBN had previously called a meeting of stakeholders regarding this issue in the past. It may be prudent to engage the stakeholders once again, to provide clarity on the legitimacy, coverage and mode of operations of registered CIT operators.

We attach a copy of the related article in the Daily Trust Online for ease of reference.

We look forward to your kind and urgent intervention.

Yours faithfully,

For: Bankers Warehouse Limited



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BW Head of Operations

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EFCC intercepts \$2.8 million at Enugu Airport

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The suspected money launderers Ezekwe Emmanuel (L) and Igboh Augustine (R) arrested with \$2.8 Million at Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on Friday said its Enugu Zonal Office yesterday intercepted \$2.8million (Dollars), from two people, suspected to be money launderers, at Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu.

A statement from EFCC acting spokesman, Tony Orilade, said, “the suspects, namely Igboh Augustine and Ezekwe Emmanuel, allegedly working for a company: Bankers Warehouse, were nabbed based on intelligence report.”

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He said, upon their arrests, they were caught with consignments of two suitcases, containing \$1.4 million each, totalling \$2.8 million, at the departure lounge of the airport while about to board an Arik Air evening flight to Lagos.

Orilade said, “During interrogation, the suspects confessed that they have been in the business of conveying cash for “some notable banks”, for over six years and were in the process of doing same for Union Bank Plc, located at New Market, Onitsha, Anambra State, when they were caught.”

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He said, “the suspects further confessed that they had so far carried out such assignments, “four times this year.

“They are presently giving useful information to operatives of the Commission, and will be charged to court soon,” the EFCC statement said.

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