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Letter of Interest

A Miami, Florida-based company applied for and received an Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) Letter of Interest on behalf of a Dominican company, however the Office of Inspector General determined that there was no business in the Dominican Republic by that name. The Miami company had previously been the subject of an OIG complaint for charging other companies thousands of dollars to assist in obtaining EXIM Letters of Interest. This case was referred to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida to investigate allegations of 18 USC § 1001 – False Statements and 18 USC § 1341 – Frauds and Swindles. As the case progressed, potential victims identified by investigators appeared to withhold information and evidence. There was no loss to EXIM or the government as a result of the company's actions and based on the investigative findings, the United States Attorney's Office determined that the evidence was insufficient to support any federal charges against the company. In January 2021, the results of the investigation were provided to EXIM for any action deemed appropriate.