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Dear All,

## Forthcoming Human Rights Webinar

As a follow-up the discussions that took place at the 23<sup>rd</sup> November Main Meeting of the Business Ethics Network, one of the speakers at that event, Emily Coates, of PwC, has very kindly agreed to put on a special webinar for BEN Members, on "Human Rights and the implications of the Modern Slavery Act for the Aerospace and Defence Sectors". This FREE webinar will be taking place at 12.00 - 12.45 (GMT) on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If any Members want to dial-in to this webinar, they should register their interest at: <a href="https://members.adsgroup.org.uk/industry-events/event/view/id/507">https://members.adsgroup.org.uk/industry-events/event/view/id/507</a>

### **Business Ethics Network Main Meeting**

The next Main Meeting of the Business Ethics Network, which is open to all ADS Members, is to be held on the afternoon of <u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</u>, at ADS' offices in London. This is a <u>FREE-to-attend</u> event, which, based on the feedback from the Main Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, is intended to cover the vitally important topic of "*How do you go about undertaking effective due diligence, and what issues should you be particularly looking for?*", and give Members the opportunity to network amongst themselves and with the Members of the Steering Committee, and to discuss plans and priorities for 2018 and 2019. The keynote speakers at this event will be representatives from The GoodCorporation (<u>www.goodcorporation.com</u>), as well as the Compliance & Audit Senior Manager at Sky (<u>www.sky.com</u>), who can provide a viewpoint from another sector. If anyone is interested in attending this meeting, please contact: Brinley.Salzmann@adsgroup.org.uk.

### Venezuelan Ex-Government Officials Charged in the US

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced that charges have been unsealed against five former Venezuelan government officials for their alleged participation in an international money laundering scheme involving bribes made to corruptly secure energy contracts from Venezuela's state-owned and state-controlled energy company, Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA). Two of the five defendants are also charged with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Four of the defendants, Luis Carlos De Leon Perez (De Leon), 41; Nervis Gerardo Villalobos Cardenas (Villalobos), 50; Cesar David Rincon Godoy (Cesar Rincon), 50; and Rafael Ernesto Reiter Munoz (Reiter), 39, were arrested in Spain in October 2017 by Spanish authorities on arrest warrants based on a 20-count indictment returned in the Southern District of Texas on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017. Further details are at: <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/five-former-venezuelan-government-officials-charged-money-laundering-scheme-involving-forei-0">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/five-former-venezuelan-government-officials-charged-money-laundering-scheme-involving-forei-0</a>.

Regards,

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