

Press release

ATHOS INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT SPRL - "EAGLE CREST INSURANCE" - "EAGLE CREST UNDERWRITER"

The Financial Services and Markets once again warns the public that Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL has continued to carry on insurance intermediation activities in Belgium, via Mr Bruno Leblanc, despite its deletion from the register of insurance intermediaries on 15 February 2016.

Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL, which is also active under the trading names "Eagle Crest Insurance" and "Eagle Crest Underwriter", currently has its registered office at Strobloemenlaan/Avenue des Immortelles 3, 1070 Brussels.

The FSMA decided on 15 December 2016 to suspend the registration of Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL, and subsequently to delete Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL from the register of insurance intermediaries effective 15 February 2016. The FSMA published its <u>decision</u> on 18 February 2016 in order to inform the public.

The FSMA has information from multiple sources according to which Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL has, despite its suspension and then deletion from the register of insurance intermediaries, continued, via Mr Bruno Leblanc, to carry on insurance intermediation activities.

By way of reminder, an enquiry conducted by the FSMA indicated that Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL was unable to demonstrate that all insurance policies written through its intermediation or managed by it were in fact covered by an authorized insurance company. It is possible, therefore, that certain risks for which insurance was sold via Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL may not in fact be covered.

The FSMA decided for that reason to publish its decision to delete the intermediary from the register as well as this warning intended to alert the public that Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL has continued to carry on insurance intermediation activities in Belgium via Mr Bruno Leblanc despite its deletion.

The FSMA reiterates its advice to clients of Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL and/or to insurance intermediaries who have worked with this company to contact their insurance company in order to check whether their risks or their clients' risks are in fact covered. More generally, since Athos International Management BVBA/SPRL no holds a registration, the FSMA strongly advises against responding to any offers of financial services made by that company and against making any payment to any account number it might mention.



If you wish to check in general whether an intermediary has the requisite registration, please use the search function (available in <u>French</u> and <u>Dutch</u> only) on the FSMA website. You can also contact the FSMA directly (email address: <u>info@fsma.be</u>).

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