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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/ 2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011[(1)], and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(2) In view of the gravity of the situation, seven persons and six entities should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(3) Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 March 2015.

For the Council

The President

K. GERHARDS

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/375. (See end of Document for details)*

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ANNEX

The following persons and entities are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Sections A and B of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

A. Persons

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
199.	Bayan Bitar (a.k.a. Dr Bayan Al-Bitar)	Address: PO Box 11037 Damascus, Syria	Managing Director of the Organisation for Technological Industries (OTI), and the Syrian Company for Information Technology (SCIT), which are both subsidiaries of the Syrian Ministry of Defence, which has been designated by the Council. OTI assists in the production of chemical weapons for the Syrian regime. As Managing Director of OTI and the SCIT Bayan Bitar provides support to the Syrian regime. Due to his role in the production of chemical weapons, he also shares responsibility for the violent repression against the Syrian population. In view of his senior position in these entities,	7.3.2015

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			he is also associated with the designated entities OTI and SCIT.	
200.	Brigadier General Ghassan Abbas	Address: CERS, Centre d'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique; (a.k.a. SSRC, Scientific Studies and Research Center; Centre de Recherche de Kaboun Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus)	Manager of the branch of the designated Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC/CERS) near Jumraya/ Jmraiya. He has been involved in the proliferation of chemical weapons and the organisation of chemical weapons attacks, including in Ghouta in August 2013. He therefore shares responsibility for the violent repression against the Syrian population. As manager of the SSRC/ CERS branch near Jumraya/ Jmraiya, Ghassan Abbas provides support to the Syrian regime. As a result of his senior position in the SSRC, he is also associated with the designated entity SSRC.	7.3.2015
201.	Wael Abdulkarim	Address: Pangates International	Managing Director of the designated	7.3.2015

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	(a.k.a. Wael Al Karim)	Corp Ltd, PO Box Sharjah Airport International Free Zone, United Arab Emirates Al Karim for Trade and Industry, PO Box 111, 5797 Damascus Syria Morgan Additives Office No 2206, 22nd Floor, Jafza View 19, Besides Jafza View 18, Sheikh Zayed Road, Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority Dubai, UAE	entity Pangates International Corp Ltd, which acts as an intermediary in the supply of oil to the Syrian regime. As Managing Director of Pangates, Wael Abdulkarim provides support to, and benefits from, the Syrian regime. He also holds a senior position in the designated entity Al Karim Group, which is Pangates' parent company. As a result of his senior positions in Pangates and Al Karim Group, he is also associated with these designated entities.	
202.	Ahmad Barqawi (a.k.a. Ahmed Barqawi)	Address: Pangates International Corp Ltd, PO Box Sharjah Airport International Free Zone, United Arab Emirates. Al Karim for Trade and Industry, PO Box 111, 5797 Damascus Syria. Morgan Additives Office No 2206, 22nd Floor, Jafza View 19, Besides Jafza View 18, Sheikh	General Manager of Pangates International Corp Ltd, which acts as an intermediary in the supply of oil to the Syrian regime, and manager of Al Karim Group. Both Pangates International and Al Karim Group have been designated by the Council. As General Manager of Pangates and	7.3.2015