



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4628

December 28, 2017

Via E-Mail

Kelly A. Kramer  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
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San Jose, CA 95134

**Re: Cisco Systems, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended July 29, 2017**  
**Filed September 7, 2017**  
**File No. 0-18225**

Dear Ms. Kramer:

We have limited our review of your filing to your contacts with countries that have been identified as state sponsors of terrorism, and we have the following comments. Our review with respect to this issue does not preclude further review by the Assistant Director group with respect to other issues. In our comments, we ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

General

1. In your letter to us dated February 27, 2014, you discussed contacts with Syria and Sudan. As you are aware, Syria and Sudan are designated by the State Department as state sponsors of terrorism and are subject to U.S. economic sanctions and/or export controls. You do not provide disclosure about Syria or Sudan in your Form 10-K. Please describe to us the nature and extent of any past, current, and anticipated contacts with Syria since your 2014 letter, whether through subsidiaries, distributors, resellers, affiliates, or other direct or indirect arrangements. In this regard, we note that a 2017 Cisco WebEx Audio Offering data sheet posted on your website lists Syria and Sudan in a table titled "Call Me/Callback Global Availability Footprint for Minute-Based Service." Also, New Horizons, an IT training center in Damascus, Syria, states on its website that it is an official training partner for Cisco and it displays the Cisco Learning Partner logo.

You should describe any services, technology, products, equipment or components you have provided to Syria or Sudan, directly or indirectly, and any agreements, commercial arrangements, or other contacts with the governments of those countries or entities that they control.

2. Please discuss the materiality of any contacts with Syria and Sudan you describe in response to the comment above, and whether those contacts constitute a material investment risk for your security holders. You should address materiality in quantitative terms, including the approximate dollar amounts of any associated revenues, assets, and liabilities for the last three fiscal years and the subsequent interim period. Also, address materiality in terms of qualitative factors that a reasonable investor would deem important in making an investment decision, including the potential impact of corporate activities upon a company's reputation and share value. As you know, various state and municipal governments, universities, and other investors have proposed or adopted divestment or similar initiatives regarding investment in companies that do business with U.S.-designated state sponsors of terrorism. You should address the potential impact of the investor sentiment evidenced by such actions directed toward companies that have operations associated with Syria and Sudan.
3. Please tell us whether any contacts with Syria and Sudan you describe in response to the comments above involve dual use products and, if so, the nature of the dual uses.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Jennifer Hardy, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3767 or me at (202) 551-3470 if you have any questions about the comments or our review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia Blye

Cecilia Blye, Chief  
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