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Enhanced Due Diligence

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What it is, and what it solves

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Ordinary due diligence answers a simple question: does this counterparty appear on any list? Enhanced due diligence answers a much harder one: who is really behind it, where does their wealth come from, and what risk does associating with them carry?

Regulation requires it for PEPs and higher-risk counterparties, but the business case goes further: an acquisition, an alliance or a local partner abroad are decisions where the cost of being wrong far exceeds the cost of investigating first. In transnational bribery, most sanctioned cases ran through a third party nobody investigated.

What's included

01 Corporate structure and ultimate beneficial owner: the ownership chain traced to the natural person in control, including multi-jurisdiction structures.

02 Legal standing: judicial, administrative and disciplinary proceedings, attachments, insolvency and sanctions, in Colombia and wherever the counterparty operates.

03 Reputational analysis across media and open sources, with findings verified before they are reported.

04 On-site verification where risk warrants it: whether the operation, premises and declared capacity actually exist.

05 Links to public officials, public procurement and politically exposed persons.

06 Report stating risk level, the facts supporting it, and a recommendation to onboard, onboard with conditions, or decline.

How it works

STEP 1

Scope is set

The tier is chosen — base, advanced, financial or AEO — according to counterparty risk.

STEP 2

Investigation

Corporate structure and beneficial ownership, legal standing, reputational analysis and public-sector links.

STEP 3

On-site verification

Where risk warrants it: whether the operation, premises and declared capacity exist.

STEP 4

Delivery with a recommendation

Report with risk level, source annex and executive summary for the committee.

What your organisation gains

01 You reach the natural person in control

The ownership chain is traced to the ultimate beneficial owner, even through structures spanning several jurisdictions.

02 Shell companies are exposed on site

Where risk warrants it, we verify that the operation, the premises and the declared capacity genuinely exist.

03 A recommendation, not a dump of findings

The report says onboard, onboard with conditions, or decline — with the facts behind it. That is what a committee can approve.

04 Reputational findings verified before reporting

What appears in media and open sources is checked before it enters the report: a rumour reported as a finding is a risk of your own making.

05 The core of bribery risk, covered

Links to the public sector, public procurement and PEP status — the route most sanctioned cases take.

What you receive

- Due diligence report with risk level and recommendation.
- Map of the corporate structure and ultimate beneficial owner.
- Annex of sources consulted and evidence.
- Executive summary for the committee.

Service level agreements

INDICATOR	COMMITMENT	HOW IT IS MEASURED
Report turnaround	From 4 and up to 40 business hours.	Depending on the contracted tier. The range is stated in the scope of all ten tiers.
Support availability	Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., business days in Colombia.	Requests outside those hours are handled on the next business day.
On-site verification lead time	PENDING VALIDATION	—

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