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Exhibit A to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at https://www.fara.gov.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: https://www.fara.gov. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: https://www.fara.gov.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name and Address of Registrant	2. Registration No.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP 1333 New Hampshire Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036	3492

3. Name of Foreign Principal	4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal
Government of the Sultanate of Oman	Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman P.O. Box 5, Way 3505 Ruwi, Muscat

5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- ☒ Government of a foreign country [1]
- ☐ Foreign political party
- ☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
  - ☐ Partnership
  - ☐ Corporation
  - ☐ Association
  - ☐ Committee
  - ☐ Voluntary group
  - ☐ Other *(specify)* _____
- ☐ Individual-State nationality _____

6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

H.E. Ahmed Bin Hassan Deeb, Undersecretary of Commerce and Industry, The Sultanate of Oman

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

a) Principal address

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

c) Principal aim

1 "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

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8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
May 01, 2018		/s/ Melissa Laurenza eSigned

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Exhibit B to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at https://www.fara.gov.

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Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .33 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant	2. Registration No.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	3492

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Government of the Sultanate of Oman

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.

5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.

6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Provide counsel regarding efforts to obtain an exemption from Section 232 tariffs imposed on aluminum and steel. Conduct outreach to U.S. government officials regarding the same.

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8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Provide counsel regarding efforts to obtain an exemption from Section 232 tariffs imposed on aluminum and steel. Conduct outreach to U.S. government officials regarding the same.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

Provide counsel regarding efforts to obtain an exemption from Section 232 tariffs imposed on aluminum and steel. Conduct outreach to U.S. government officials regarding the same.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit B to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date of Exhibit B	Name and Title	Signature
May 01, 2018		/s/ Melissa Laurenza eSigned

Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

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April 13, 2018

His Excellency Ahmed Bin Hassan Deeb
Undersecretary of Commerce and Industry, The Sultanate of Oman
Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman
P.O. Box 5
Way 3505
Ruwi, Muscat

Re: Terms of Engagement

Dear Your Excellency:

I am pleased to confirm our representation of Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman in connection with assisting Oman in obtaining an exemption from Section 232 tariffs imposed on aluminum and steel. The firm appreciates your confidence in us, and we look forward to working with you.

At the beginning of our representation of a client, the firm's policy is to describe the manner in which we will bill for legal services and disbursements. A clear understanding of those matters helps to maintain a harmonious professional relationship. I encourage you to consider the matters set forth in this letter carefully and to raise with us any question that you may have now or later about its contents.

We refer matters to those lawyers in this firm who in our judgment can perform the highest quality work, in a timely and efficient manner, and at the lowest cost. We also employ non-lawyer assistants in tasks where lawyers are not necessary, to facilitate the rapid and efficient performance of services.

While I certainly do not expect that you will find the legal representation by this firm to be in any way unsatisfactory, I do encourage you to discuss any problems or questions with me at any time.

As per our proposal, we will charge a lump sum of $30,000 for the first phase of work to be conducted during April 2018, and $90,000 for a second phase of work to be conducted from May through July 2018.

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We require that payment of statements be made within 30 days of receipt, and we may suspend or terminate any work in progress if timely payment is not made. We may also withdraw from the representation in a manner consistent with applicable ethical standards.

Attached to this letter is our Statement of Firm Policies (the **"Statement"**) that will apply to our representation of you. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Statement and the terms of this letter, the terms of this letter shall control. Please review these policies and let me know if you have any questions concerning them.

If the terms described above and in the attached Statement are satisfactory to you, please so indicate by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning the signed copy.

Sincerely,

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

Bernd G. Janzen

Enclosure

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AGREED:

Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman

By:_____
His Excellency Ahmed Bin Hassan Deeb,
Undersecretary of Commerce and Industry, The Sultanate of Oman

Date: 17.4.18

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STATEMENT OF FIRM POLICIES

We appreciate your decision to retain Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ("**Akin Gump**") as your legal counsel and look forward to developing our relationship with you in the course of our representation. Our engagement is limited to the matter identified in the engagement letter to which this Statement of Firm Policies is attached. Except as may be modified by the accompanying engagement letter, the following summarizes our billing practices and certain other terms that will apply to our engagement.

1. Determination of Fees

When establishing fees for services that we render, we are guided primarily by the time and labor required, although we also consider other appropriate factors, such as the novelty and difficulty of the legal issues involved; the legal skill required to perform the particular assignment; time-saving use of resources (including research, analysis, data and documentation) that we have previously developed and stored electronically or otherwise in quickly retrievable form; the fee customarily charged by comparable firms for similar legal services; the amount of money involved or at risk and the results obtained; and the time constraints imposed by either the client or the circumstances. The firm generally requires a retainer in an amount which is appropriate with respect to the proposed representation. Unless otherwise agreed, the retainer will be applied to statements rendered in connection with the representation, with any unused portion being returned to the client.

In determining a reasonable fee for the time and labor required for a particular matter, we consider the ability, experience, and reputation of the lawyer or lawyers in our firm who perform the services. To facilitate this determination, we internally assign to each lawyer an hourly rate based on these factors. When selecting lawyers to perform services for a client, we generally seek to assign lawyers having the lowest hourly rates consistent with the skills, time demands, and other factors influencing the professional responsibility required for each matter. Of course, our internal allocation of values for lawyer time changes periodically (at least annually) to account for increases in our cost of delivering legal service, other economic factors, and the augmentation of a particular lawyer's ability, experience and reputation. Any such changes in hourly rates are applied prospectively. We record and bill our time in one-tenth hour (six-minute) increments.

The time for which a client will be charged will include, but will not be limited to, telephone and office conferences between client and counsel, witnesses, consultants, court personnel and others; conferences among our legal personnel; factual investigation; legal research; responding to clients' requests for us to provide information to their auditors in connection with reviews or audits of financial invoices; drafting of agreements, contracts, letters, pleadings, briefs and other documents; travel time; waiting time in court; and time in depositions and other discovery proceedings. In an effort to reduce legal fees, we utilize paralegal personnel. Time devoted by paralegals to client matters is charged at special billing rates, which also are

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subject to adjustment from time to time by the firm. Our current range of hourly rates for lawyers and paralegals is referenced in the accompanying engagement letter.

2. Expenses

In addition to legal fees, our statements will include out-of-pocket expenses that we have advanced on behalf of the client and our internal charges (which may exceed direct costs) for certain support activities. Advanced costs generally will include such items as travel expenses and fees for postage, filing, recording, certification, registration, and the like. Our internal charges typically cover such items as long distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, messenger services, overnight courier services, terminal time for computer research and complex document production, secretarial and paralegal overtime and photocopying or printing materials sent to the client or third parties or required for our use. We may request an advance cost deposit (in addition to the advance fee deposit) when we expect that we will be required to incur substantial costs on behalf of the client.

During the course of our representation, it may be appropriate or necessary to hire third parties to provide services on your behalf. These services may include such things as consulting or testifying experts, investigators, providers of computerized litigation support, court reporters, providers of filing services and searches of governmental records and filings, and local counsel. Because of the legal "work product" protection afforded to services that an attorney requests from third parties, in certain situations, our firm may assume responsibility for retaining the appropriate service providers. If we do so, you will be responsible for paying all fees and expenses directly to the service providers or reimbursing us for these costs.

3. Billings

We bill monthly throughout the engagement for a particular matter, and our monthly statements are due within thirty days after your receipt thereof. In instances in which we represent more than one person with respect to a matter, each person that we represent is jointly and severally liable for our fees with respect to the representation. Our statements contain a concise summary of each matter for which legal services were rendered and a fee was charged.

We invite our clients to discuss freely with us any questions that they have concerning a fee charged for any matter. We want our clients to be satisfied with both the quality of our services and the reasonableness of the fees that we charge for those services. We will attempt to provide as much billing information as the client requires and in such customary form that it desires, and are willing to discuss with our clients any of the various billing formats we have available that best suits their needs.

If any monthly statement is not paid within 60 days after the original statement date, we reserve the right to discontinue services on all pending matters for you until all of your accounts with us have been brought current. Additionally, if any statement is not paid within 60 days from the date of the original statement, we may, by written notice to you on a subsequent statement or

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otherwise, declare the overdue account to be delinquent. We have no obligation to declare any account delinquent. If we declare an account to be delinquent, the amount owing on that account will accrue interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) per month (a 12% annual percentage rate) from the date of our delinquency notice to you until the balance is paid in full, but in no event shall such rate exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law. Any payments made on past due statements are applied first to interest, if any, and then to the account balance, beginning with the oldest outstanding statement. In addition, we are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs if collection activities are necessary.

4. Scope of Engagement

We will provide services of a strictly legal nature of the kind generally described in the engagement letter that accompanies this attachment. It is understood that you are not relying on us for business, investment, or accounting decisions, or to investigate the character or credit of persons with whom you may be dealing, or to advise you about changes in the law that might affect you unless otherwise specified in the letter. We will keep you advised of developments as necessary to perform our services and will consult with you as necessary to ensure the timely, effective, and efficient completion of our work. Attorneys in the firm typically have several client matters pending and are required to coordinate the scheduling of activities required for each pending client matter.

5. Necessary Information

It is anticipated that you and any other entities affiliated with you will furnish us promptly with all information that we deem to be required to perform the services described in our engagement letter, including financial statements from qualified accountants and auditors, as appropriate, and documents prepared by other legal counsel employed by you in connection with prior or other matters. You will make such business or technical decisions or determinations as are appropriate to carry out our engagement.

Our engagement is premised and conditioned upon your representation that you are not aware of any material facts or current or historical problem (involving such matters as court orders, injunctions, cease and desist orders, judgments, liabilities, litigation, administrative proceedings, crimes, prosecutions, bankruptcies or securities violations) on the part of any person to be connected with you that you have not fully disclosed to us. You understand that the accuracy and completeness of any document (including securities disclosure documents, litigation pleadings and court filings) prepared by us is dependent upon your alertness to assure that it contains all material facts relating to the subject and purpose of such document and that such document must not contain any misrepresentation of a material fact nor omit information necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. To that end, you agree to review all documents prepared by us for their factual accuracy and completeness prior to any use thereof. You also acknowledge that this responsibility continues through our engagement in the event that such document becomes deficient in this regard. You hereby represent and warrant that any material, information, reports and financial statements, whether rendered orally or in writing,

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furnished to us by you will be accurate, and that we may rely upon the truth or accuracy of such information.

6. Confidentiality and Conflicts

Akin Gump is a large law firm with multiple offices around the world. Because of the firm's size and geographic scope, as well as the breadth and diversity of our practice, other present or future clients of the firm inevitably will have contacts with you. Accordingly, to prevent any future misunderstanding and to preserve the firm's ability to represent you and our other clients, we confirm the following understanding about certain conflicts of interest issues:

Unless we have your specific agreement that we may do so, we will not represent another client in a matter that is substantially related to a matter in which we represent you and in which the other client is adverse to you. We understand the term "matter" to refer to transactions, negotiations, proceedings and other representations involving specific parties.

In the absence of a conflict as described above, you acknowledge that we will be free to represent any other client either generally or in any matter in which you may have an interest, including, but not limited to: (i) agreements; licenses; mergers and acquisitions; joint ventures; loans and financings; securities offerings; bankruptcy or insolvency; patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets or other intellectual property; real estate; government contracts; the protection of rights; and representation before regulatory authorities; and (ii) representation and advocacy with respect to legislative issues, policy issues, administrative proceedings, or rulemakings.

We do not view this advance consent to permit unauthorized disclosure or use of any client confidences. Under applicable Rules of Professional Conduct, we are obligated to and shall preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information you provide to us. In this connection, we may obtain nonpublic personal information about you in the course of our representation. We restrict access to your nonpublic personal information to firm personnel who need to know that information in connection with our representation and, as appropriate, third parties assisting in that representation. We maintain appropriate physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect your nonpublic personal information. We do not disclose nonpublic personal information about our clients or former clients to anyone, except as permitted by law and applicable Rules of Professional Conduct.

We will not disclose to you or use on your behalf any documents or information with respect to which we owe a duty of confidentiality to another client or person.

The fact that we may have your documents and/or information that may be relevant to another matter in which we are representing another client will not prevent us from representing that other client in that matter without any further consent from you. In such a case, we will put in place screening and other arrangements to ensure that the confidentiality of your documents and/or information is maintained.

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Our professional obligations to you and to our other clients will require us to run a new conflicts check if there is any change in the parties to the matter or any material change in its nature. We must also run a new conflicts check before undertaking any new matters with you.

7. Termination of Engagement

Upon completion of the matter to which this representation applies, or upon earlier termination of our relationship, the attorney-client relationship will end unless you and we have expressly agreed to a continuation with respect to other matters. We hope, of course, that such a continuation will be the case. You have the right at any time to terminate our services and representation upon written notice to the firm. We reserve the right to withdraw from our representation if circumstances arise that under the applicable rules of professional conduct, allow or require us to.

8. Disagreements Regarding Fees

In the event that you believe any statement for our services is erroneous for any reason, you shall notify us of the same within ten business days after receipt of such statement stating the basis for your belief. If agreement cannot be reached with respect to the amount owed, you agree to promptly pay the non-disputed portion of our statement and submit the disputed portion for resolution by the appropriate committee of the organized bar of the city where our office rendering such services is located. If no organized bar exists in that city, then you can submit to the Committee on Arbitration Relating to Fee Disputes (or similar committee) of the regulatory body governing the practice of law in the state or jurisdiction where our office rendering such services is located.

9. Governing Law

OUR ENGAGEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE JURISDICTION WHERE OUR OFFICE RENDERING OUR SERVICES IS LOCATED AND, EXCEPT FOR DISAGREEMENTS REGARDING FEES SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE, VENUE FOR ANY OTHER ACTION HEREUNDER SHALL BE IN THE COUNTY WHERE OUR OFFICE RENDERING SUCH SERVICES IS LOCATED.

10. Record Retention

Unless previously terminated, our representation of Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman as to assisting Oman in obtaining an exemption from Section 232 tariffs imposed on aluminum and steel will terminate upon the completion of the matter and our sending you our final statement for services rendered in connection with this matter. Following such termination, any otherwise nonpublic information you have supplied to us that is retained by us will be kept confidential in accordance with applicable rules of professional conduct. Following termination, we will return to you all documents and things that

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you provided to us in connection with our representation. If you do not wish to have your file returned to you, we will transfer it, or the remaining portions, to closed storage and retain it. Pursuant to the Firm's Record Retention Policy, if the Firm retains any portion of your file, at the end of seven years, the Firm will make reasonable efforts to locate and notify you that your file is available for return to you. If you instruct us to do so, files will be returned to you. Clients may be charged shipping costs for the return of client files. The responsible attorney should determine if it is appropriate depending upon the size of the matter and the extent of the likely cost to the firm. If you do not respond to the request, or if you so instruct us, the file will be destroyed. By agreeing to and accepting our representation as described in this letter, you agree to keep us informed of your most current address during the stated retention period.

11. Miscellaneous

The engagement letter to which this Statement of Firm Policies is attached constitutes our entire understanding and agreement with respect to the terms of our engagement and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements, written or oral. If any provision of our engagement letter is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect. Our engagement letter may only be amended in writing by the parties hereto.

Your agreement to this engagement constitutes your acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions. If any of them is unacceptable to you, please advise us now so that we can resolve any differences and proceed with a clear, complete, and consistent understanding of our relationship.