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Amendment to the Advisory Contract signed between the Administrative Secretariat of the Presidency of the Dominican Republic and Ballard Partners, Inc., on march six (06) of the year two thousand and seventeen (2017).-

Between:

From one side: **THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC,** created by the Law number 450, dated December twenty-ninth (29) 1972, with its main address located in Mexico avenue, corner Doctor Delgado, Gazcue sector, in the city of Santo Domingo, National District, capital of the Dominican Republic, legally represented by the Administrative Minister of the Presidency, **MR. JOSÉ RAMÓN PERALTA FERNÁNDEZ,** Dominican, of legal age, holder and bearer of the identity card and electoral number 001-0167251-7, with its main address located in one of the offices of the National Palace, located in Mexico avenue, corner Doctor Delgado, Gazcue sector, in the city of Santo Domingo, National District, capital of the Dominican Republic, who shall hereinafter be referred to as **THE SECRETARIAT** or by its own name; and.

From the other side: **BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.,** commercial company duly incorporated and organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, United States of America, with its main address located in 403 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301, legally represented by its president, **MR. BRIAN D. BALLARD,** American, holder and bearer of the passport number 556793355, domiciled and resident in the State of Florida, United States of America, with its main address located in 403 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301, who shall hereinafter be referred to as **THE ADVISER** or by its own name:

For the purposes of this Contract, **THE SECRETARIAT** and **THE ADVISER,** when they are jointly addressed, shall be denominated indistinctly as **"THE PARTIES".**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC, is an institution of the Dominican State, that within its other attributions, has the purpose of providing logistical support in the development of the activities of the Presidency of the Republic;

WHEREAS: The Law number 340-06, dated August eighteenth (18) 2006, on Procurement and Contracting of Goods, Services, Works and Concessions, modified by the Law number 449-06, dated December six (06) 2006, establishes in Numerals 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Paragraph 1 of Article 6, as cases of exception to the contracting and bidding procedures the contracting of artistic, technical or restoration of historical works; those services that can only be supplied by certain natural and legal persons; and those that by urgent

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situations, can affect the public interest and the economy of the country and do not allow the realization of another selection procedure in a timely manner;

WHEREAS: The service required by the Dominican State on the occasion of international advice in situations and matters with the Government of the United States of America, is of a technical and highly specialized nature and implies considering intangibles as experience, capacity, loyalty, among others, from a subjective point of view; which are precisely the circumstances that Law number 340-06 considers in order to establish the exceptions indicated above to the usual contracting processes that this provision provides;

WHEREAS: As of the sixth (06) of march of the year two thousand and seventeen (2017), the Administrative Secretariat of the Presidency of the Dominican Republic and Ballard Partners, Inc. signed an Advisory Contract for the Firm to provide legal counsel and representation to the Dominican Republic for the provision of various strategic consultation and advocacy services in relation to situations and matters with the Federal Government of the United States of America, effective until March six (06) of the year two thousand and eighteen (2018);

WHEREAS: THE PARTIES have agreed to modify the current contractual text, ratifying the other clauses thereof, so that in the future, the amount specified in the contract is that stipulated in this amendment;

WHEREAS: It's in the interests of **THE PARTIES** to establish, through this document, the terms and conditions under which the services have been presented.

THEREFORE, and with the understanding that the foregoing preamble forms an integral part of this Contract;

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE ONE: PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT.-

THE PARTIES agree to modify, in the manner specified below, the Advisory Contract dated march six (06) of the year two thousand and seventeen (2017), numbered 06/03/2017-1, so that said modification comes into force effective as of the signing of this amendment, with retroactive effect.

ARTICLE TWO: MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE THREE.-

The main paragraph of **ARTICLE THREE: "FEES AND PAYMENT METHOD"** is modified so that in the future it stipulates:

- **ARTICLE THREE: "FEES AND PAYMENT METHOD.-"**

As counter payment for the advisory services, **THE PARTIES** have agreed that, for professional fees, **THE SECRETARIAT** will pay **THE ADVISER** the sum of **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED**

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EIGHTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (US$1,232,880.00). or its equivalent in Dominican pesos, at the average exchange rate for the acquisition of US Dollars, published by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic on the date it is made. The amount set will be paid in monthly, equal and consecutive amounts for the sum of **ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (US$102,740.00).**

ARTICLE THREE: RATIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.-

THE PARTIES agree to ratify their respective responsibilities, as well as the terms and conditions agreed in the Advisory Contract object of this amendment.

MADE AND SIGNED in good faith, in five (05) originals of the same tenor and effect, for each of the parties and for the acting notary, in the city of Santo Domingo, National District, capital of the Dominican Republic, july twenty-seven (27) of the year two thousand seventeen (2017).

THE SECRETARIAT:

LIC. JOSÉ RAMÓN PERALTA FERNÁNDEZ.
Administrative Minister of the Presidency

THE ADVISER:

BALLARD PARTNERS, INC. CORPORATE SEAL 1998 FLORIDA

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