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Washington, DC 20530

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

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Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for 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 the 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.

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

3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose or purposes:

- ☐ To give a 10-day notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.
- ☐ To correct a deficiency in
  - ☐ Initial Statement
  - ☐ Supplemental Statement for the period ending _____
  - ☐ Other purpose *(specify)* _____
- ☒ To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:
Letter of Engagement with the Embassy of Japan

5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains. *(If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.)*

Newly executed Letter of Engagement with the Embassy of Japan for work to be undertaken through March 31, 2018.

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EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature[1])
December 20, 2017	/s/ Melissa Laurenza eSigned

[1] This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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Letter of Engagement

The Embassy of Japan in the United States (representative: Takuya Sasayama), (hereafter referred to as A), acting on behalf of the Government of Japan and in accordance with the authority vested in him and the Akin Gump (representative: Scott Parven), (hereafter referred to as B), have agreed as follows:

Article 1
A requests B to act as a consultant for A as per the attached outline of project, and B agrees to undertake consulting service.

Article 2
B is an independent contractor of A, and any commitments made between B and any other person(s) shall not bind A, except whenever A has given B special authority to do so.

Article 3
(1) At the end of the period of this letter, B shall make a report of its activities.
(2) The aforementioned report shall include all activities provided for in Article 1.

Article 4
The period of this letter shall be from December 10, 2017 to March 31st, 2018

Article 5
The fee for the entire service will be $190,000 USD in total. A shall pay B $95,000 at the end of January and March. In case of delay in payment, A shall notify B in advance and implement the payment as soon as possible. B will submit the products of the project to A in advance of each payment.

Article 6
B must not disclose to a third party the contents of services stipulated by A under this letter or any confidential information learned in performing the services pursuant to this letter except by required by law.

Article 7
B must act in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations set forth by the Government of the United States, when pursuing its activities in accordance with this letter.

Article 8
If A reasonably deems B to have breached this letter, A may refuse to pay a part or the full amount of the contract value, or may seek return of any unearned payment.

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Article 9
No security deposit shall be required.

Article 10
Any matters arising out of or in connection with this letter shall be resolved through consultations between A and B.

Article 11
Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either party may cancel this contract by issuing notification 30 days in advance. In case B wishes to cancel the contract, A will stop paying the fee for service from the next month following the date of the cancellation.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this letter to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed this 10th day of December, 2017.

Signed:

Sasayama Takuya (A)

Scott Parven (B)

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Outline of Project

Principle Aims of Grass roots Project:

To promote the positive impacts of the Japan-U.S. economic relationship by interacting with U.S. citizens within various states and, in this process, to gain the understanding of the importance of Japan-U.S. trade among U.S. constituents.

1. B pledges to provide, upon request from A necessary service in connection with the outreach activities as follows:

   (1) B will identify important states in conducting such grass roots campaigns and make necessary arrangements in so doing

   (2) B will take necessary measures in the designated states to have the purported effect outlined above

   (3) B will make a regular report on the progress of the grass roots campaign

2. A and B will hold regular weekly meetings on the matters mentioned in paragraph 1

3. A and B will hold ad hoc meetings whenever deemed necessary

4. At the conclusion of the project, B will provide A with a final project report

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