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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. |
|---|---|
| SORINI SAMET & ASSOCIATES, LLC<br>540 N. LINCOLN STREET<br>HINSDALE, IL | 5839 |

| 3. Name of Foreign Principal | 4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal |
|---|---|
| Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines (CONGEP) | 6th Floor, Suite 609, Executive Center Building<br>Sen. Gil J Puyat Ave<br>Makati City 1200, The Philippines |

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

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

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.

Registrant has been retained by CONGEP, a Philippine private trade association composed of Philippine companies in the garment export industry. Registrant's efforts for CONGEP will be in support of efforts of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry.

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.)*

Registrant has been retained by CONGEP, a Philippine private trade association, with work to be performed ultimately in support of efforts of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry related to a possible free trade agreement.

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.

CONGEP is a privately-organized and controlled trade association in the Philippines composed of companies involved in garment export.

**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 08, 2018 | Ron Sorini, Principal | /s/ Ron Sorini 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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|---|---|
| SORINI SAMET & ASSOCIATES, LLC | 5839 |

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines (CONGEP)

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.

Please see attached contract. Registrant will provide government relations services, including outreach to U.S. officials and relevant private sector organizations, related to a possible free trade agreement between the U.S. and the Philippines.



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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.

Please see attached contract. Registrant will provide government relations services, including outreach to U.S. officials and relevant private sector organizations, related to a possible free trade agreement between the U.S. and the Philippines.

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.

Please see attached contract. Registrant will provide government relations services, including outreach to U.S. officials and relevant private sector organizations, related to a possible free trade agreement between the U.S. and the Philippines.

## 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 08, 2018 | Ron Sorini, Principal | /s/ Ron Sorini 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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Director

30 April 2018

MR. RONALD J. SORINI
Sorini Samet and Associates LLC (SS&A)
Consulting and Goverment Affairs Practice
Ten G Street, NE Suite 710 Washington, DC 20002

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Dear Mr. Sorini:

Please find hereunder the following stipulations to govern this Contract relative to the interest of the Philippine Government to pursue a Free Trade Agreement with the US.

1. **Scope of Work.** This bridge Contract aims to provide the initial groundwork by SSA, to eventually support the Philippines' Department of Trade and Industry's bid for initial assessment on the technicalities of a possible Philippines-US Free Trade Agreement discussions.

2. **Period.** The Contract between CONGEP and SSA is for the period of four (4) weeks covering 14 May to 15 June 2018, CONGEP AND SSA agree that this Contract shall expire on 15 June 2018 unless the former, prior to its expiration, decides to extend it for an additional period of time.

3. **Terms of Reference of this Bridge Program.** During the 4-week period, SSA is expected to do the following activities:

   - outreach to Congress to gauge levels of support and levels of opposition
   - outreach with relevant think tanks, trade associations, and private sector partners to push for consideration of a bilateral FTA.
   - formulate negotiating strategies on areas that have traditionally been sensitive for the U.S. government in past FTAs, and explain expectations from the U.S.

   It is understood that above activities will eventually lead to engaging directly with Trump Administration on the launch of the FTA.

4. **Payment.** CONGEP agrees to pay SSA the amount of US$8,000.00 for the entire 4-week period, payable by June 30.

   This payment is in addition to normal business costs such as telephone charges, taxi fares, photocopies, Costs shall not exceed $1,000 without the approval of CONGEP.

   Expenses other than the normal costs for SSA members, including air fare, hotel costs, meals and out-of-pocket expenses, and air travel to the Philippines (business class) or other U.S locations (economy class) outside the areas covered in the preceding paragraph shall be subject to the prior approval of CONGEP and will be invoiced separately with proper documentations, which shall be based upon actual costs incurred, but such costs are not expected by either party to exceed US$1,000.00, unless a trip to the Philippines is required.

5. **Exclusivity/Non-transferability of the Contract.** This Contract may not be transferred or assigned by SSA to any third party without the prior written consent of CONGEP or its

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successor-in-interest. For purposes of this provision, third party to this Contract shall mean any entity or person other than SSA.

6. **Exemption for Third Party Liability.** SSA shall hold CONGEP exempt/free from any third party claim/liability arising from the perfromance of or by reason of SSA's obligations, covenants and stipulation under this ontract.

7. **Periodic Status Report.** SSA shall provide a written report to CONGEP on its activities, transactions, covenants, stipulations, including the details appertaining thereto, and any matter performed under this Contract, every month or whenever required by CONGEP, which CONGEP may share with the Department of Trade and Industry.

8. **Ownership and Confidentiality of Information.** Subject to United States' rules and regulations, studies, researches and recommendations done and reports, documents and papers made and obtained during the period of and by reason of this contract shall be submitted to CONGEP. These shall form part of the monthly written report laid down in the preceding paragraph.

   Except when required by the United States' laws and regulations, SSA shall not divulge or disclose to any third party any information or data obtained or received in the performance of or by reasons of SSA's obligations, covenants and stipulations under this Contract.

9. **Full Disclosure of Transactions.** SSA, either as part of its Performance/Status Report or otherwise, shall always provide a good faith and full disclosure of its transactions, including the name, rank and office of the persons, officials or entities they transacted with or met with, in the performance of the obligations, covenants and stipulations under this Contract.

10. **Resolution of Disputes.** In case of dispute in the interpretation and application of this Contract the parties shall resove the dispute through consultations with view towards reaching amicable settlement.

11. **Termination.** Either party may for justifiable reason(s), terminate this Contract with a thirty (30) day written notice sent by the cancelling/rescinding party clearly stating the reasons therefor.

Should your company accept our proposal, kindly indicate your conformity by signing on the space provided below and returned the signed copy to us.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**For the Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines (CONGEP)**

Maritess Jocson-Agoncillo
Executive Director

**CONFORME:**

**For Sorini Samet and Associates LLC**

Ronald J. Sorini

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