

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

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 FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA 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 .22 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, FARA 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

Daschle Group, LLC

2. Registration Number

6280

3. Primary Address of Registrant

901 K Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20001

4. Name of Foreign PrincipalAd Hoc Board of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A.
(PDVSA) (through White & Case LLP)**5. Address of Foreign Principal**2216 Adams Street, #307
Hollywood, FL 33020**6. Country/Region Represented**

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7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:☒ Government of a foreign country¹☐ Foreign political party☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:☐ Partnership☐ Committee☐ Corporation☐ Voluntary group☐ Association☐ Other (*specify*) _____☐ Individual-State nationality _____**8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:**

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA)

b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

Horacio Francisco Medina Herrera, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Board of Petróleos de Venezuela on behalf of PDVSA

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.

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

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

10. 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:

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| 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 ☐ |

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

12. 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, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, 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

Printed Name

Signature

03/15/2024Nathan Daschle/s/Nathan Daschle

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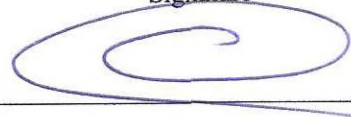
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3/14/2024

Nathan Daschle

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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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2. Registration Number
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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Ad Hoc Board of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) (through White & Case LLP)

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. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 02/28/2024
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

The registrant is a subcontractor of White & Case LLP. There is no formal written contract between registrant and the foreign principal. See attached agreement, signed by the registrant on 3/10/2024.

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

The registrant will design and execute communication and public affairs strategies aimed at supporting PDVSA, which may include communicating with political officials regarding the future ownership of PDVSA assets.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act¹.

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. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

The registrant will design and execute communication and public affairs strategies aimed at supporting PDVSA, which may include communicating with political officials regarding the future ownership of PDVSA assets.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Registrant communicated with political officials regarding the future ownership of PDVSA assets.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
See Appendix for Response			

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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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¹ "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.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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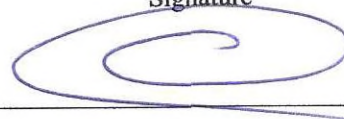
Date

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3/14/2024

Nathan Daschle



Appendix

Response to Item 11-Detail

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
03/05/2024	Michael J. "Mike" Henry, Chief of Staff, Office of Tim Kaine	Email	Meeting request
03/05/2024	Jinanshu C. Jain (JC), Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Office of Tim Kaine	Email	Meeting request
03/06/2024	Jinanshu C. Jain (JC), Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Office of Tim Kaine	Email	Meeting request
03/11/2024	Jinanshu C. Jain (JC), Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Office of Tim Kaine	Meeting	PDVSA relations
03/12/2024	Jinanshu C. Jain (JC), Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Office of Tim Kaine	Email	PDVSA relations
03/12/2024	Chris Socha, Minority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	Email	Meeting request
03/13/2024	Ryan M. White, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator James E. Risch	Email	Meeting Request

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February 28, 2024

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Dear Mr. Daschle:

White & Case LLP ("White & Case", "Firm", or "Counsel") is currently acting as counsel for the Ad Hoc Board of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. ("PDVSA" or "Client") in various litigations and advisory matters. To carry out our work, it is necessary that the Firm retain professionals, including accountants, public relations firm, lobbyists, and other lawyers, to assist in providing legal advice to Client.

We have been authorized to retain The Daschle Group ("you" or "TDG") to provide the services described below in connection with our provision of legal advice to PDVSA. This letter is to confirm in writing the terms under which you are retained, and is intended to embody the principles enunciated in *United States v. Kovel*, 296 F.2d 918 (2d Cir. 1961).

In this regard TDG, White & Case, and Client agree as follows:

1. The Firm is employing you as of the date of this engagement letter solely to assist with respect to the Services as defined below. As may be agreed from time to time, we may also utilize other members of your firm, to assist in this matter, and the terms and conditions of this agreement shall apply to them as well.
2. You are providing this assistance at the direction of Counsel, and in furtherance of this assistance may speak, correspond or meet with employees of Client and others as may be necessary. It is expressly understood that notwithstanding that arrangement, the Firm is neither entering into a joint venture in this representation with you, nor is the Firm responsible for any acts or failure to act in the performance of your duties. If the Firm has knowledge of any acts or failures to act by you which will be prejudicial to Client's interest, the Firm will report the same to Client.
3. In the engagement TDG agrees and acknowledges that:

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- (a) Any and all books of account, records, papers, and other documents belonging to Client and all memoranda, workpapers, or other documents prepared by Counsel which pertain to the affairs of Client that may be delivered to you in the course of the engagement shall be and will remain the property of Client or Counsel, as the case may be.
 - (b) You will open a separate file marked, "Confidential Property of White & Case LLP/PDVSA." You will place all documents, records, work papers, summaries, no matter what the source, in that file. During the pendency of this engagement, you agree, that any work papers, notes, analyses, summaries, schedules, memoranda and the like you prepare belong to and are the property of White & Case and/or Client and that you retain no proprietary interest in this work product whether or not such documents are complete or incomplete.
 - (c) You will not permit anyone other than Counsel or Client to examine, inspect, copy or take possession of any of the records and documents referred to in paragraphs 3(a) and (b) hereof without the prior written permission of Counsel.
 - (d) You will not disclose to anyone other than Counsel or Client the nature or content of any oral or written communication nor any information derived from any document or record reviewed by you in the course of this engagement without the prior written permission of Counsel.
4. To the extent permitted by law, it is intended and agreed that any communications made to you by Counsel or Client in connection with this engagement (including all documents described in paragraph 3(a) hereof) shall be privileged and that any such communications shall be made to facilitate communications between Counsel and Client and to aid Counsel in rendering legal advice to Client. TDG, therefore, shall not divulge to anyone any communication (or part or substance thereof) received from Counsel or Client in connection with TDG's work pursuant to this engagement letter, except:
- (a) At the express and specific direction of Counsel; or
 - (b) In compliance with a final order of a court of appropriate jurisdiction after TDG has raised all legal objections available in good faith in opposition to such an order and has exhausted its appellate rights with respect to said order or as required by professional standards.
5. It is understood that only Counsel and Client have the right to assert or waive the confidentiality privilege, not you. Therefore, in the event you receive a request from a third party (including subpoena, summons, or discovery demand in litigation) calling for the production of privileged information, you will promptly notify Counsel.
6. If, in accordance with written instructions from White & Case and/or PDVSA, you fail or refuse to comply with any request, order, subpoena or summons, and if litigation should result, then Client shall bear the reasonable costs and expenses of defending you.

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7. White & Case and/or PDVSA shall not require you to refrain from disclosing information if such action would cause you to be in violation of applicable laws, regulations, or professional standards.
8. You will return all work papers, records, and documents covered by this arrangement to White & Case and/or PDVSA at the request of either party. You may retain copies of all such work papers, records and documents covered by this arrangement to the extent required by your document retention policy, applicable law or professional requirements.
9. TDG's services will include designing and executing communication and public affairs strategies aimed at supporting PDVSA in its need to maintain and improve communication and public relations mechanisms. TDG will at all times comply with any FARA registration requirements in the discharge of its services.
10. TDG will charge PDVSA a monthly retainer of \$100,000.00 for an initial period of three months. The parties may upon mutual written consent extend TDG's engagement. TDG will submit invoices on a monthly basis. All monetary obligations for TDG's Services, costs and disbursements shall be solely the responsibility of the Client and not that of White & Case. We shall promptly pay TDG for Services rendered within 30 days of receipt of funds from PDVSA. TDG will bill for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. TDG shall not incur any expenses for which it will seek reimbursement unless such are approved in advance by us.
11. Either White & Case, Client or TDG may terminate the Services by giving 30 days' written notice to that effect. Whatever the reason either W&C or Client terminate the services agreed for three (3) months, PDVSA will pay TDG the pending payments remaining for work actually performed up to that point.
12. Any controversy or claim arising out of the services covered by this letter provided by TDG for White & Case or at its or their request shall be submitted first to voluntary mediation, and if mediation is not successful, then to binding arbitration. TDG will not be liable in any event for lost profits, consequential, indirect, punitive, exemplary or special damages.
13. No party to this engagement letter may assign or transfer this engagement letter, or any rights, obligations, claims or proceeds from claims arising under it, without the prior written consent of the other parties, and any assignment without such consent shall be void and invalid. If any provision of this engagement letter is found to be unenforceable, the remainder of this engagement letter shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law. If we perform the Services prior to all three parties executing this engagement letter, this engagement letter shall be effective as of the date we began the Services.

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This Agreement will remain in effect during the full term of the engagement and the termination of this engagement will not affect the attorney-client privilege, work product protection, or confidentiality that exists pursuant to this engagement. please indicate your agreement by signing and returning a copy of this letter to the undersigned at White & Case LLP.

Sincerely,

White & Case LLP



By: _____

Printed Name: Claire DeLelle

Title: Partner

Date: February 28, 2024

The Daschle Group

By:  _____

Printed Name: Nathan Daschle

Title: President

Date: 3/10/2024

Ad Hoc Board of Petróleos de Venezuela

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____