

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>.

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| 1. Name of Registrant<br>Checkmate Government Relations LLC | 2. Registration Number<br>7534 |
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| 3. Primary Address of Registrant<br>121-A Reynolda Village Way, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 |
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| 4. Name of Foreign Principal<br>AMS Art Media Production | 5. Address of Foreign Principal<br>HAMIDIYE MAH. GIRNE CAD. NO: 49 IS KAPI NO: 2<br>KAGITHANE/ ISTANBUL<br>TURKEY |
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| 6. Country/Region Represented<br>LIBYA |
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| 7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Government of a foreign country <sup>1</sup><br><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign political party<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Association </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Committee<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ </div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual-State nationality _____ |
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| 8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:<br>a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant |
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b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

<sup>1</sup> "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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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

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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.

Public affairs services provider

- b) Is this foreign principal:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Item 10(b) Directed: Advances interests aligned with Government of National Unity of Libya

Item 10(b) Controlled: Portion of business focused on advancing interests aligned with Government of National Unity of Libya

Item 10(b) Financed: Advances interests aligned with Government of National Unity of Libya

Item 10(b) Subsidized: Advances interests aligned with Government of National Unity of Libya

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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.

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**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               |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 06/30/2025 | Frederick w. vaughan | <input type="button" value="Sign"/> | /s/Frederick w. vaughan |
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Date

Printed Name

Signature

06/30/2025Frederick W. Vaughan

**CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF CHECKMATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC AUTHORIZING RATIFICATION OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND APPOINTING CHARLES FRANKLIN MCDOWELL AND FREDERICK WATSON VAUGHAN AS SIGNATORY**

The undersigned being all of the Members and Managers of Checkmate Government Relations, LLC (the "Company"), do hereby consent to the adoption of the following resolutions, to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members at a meeting of the Members scheduled to have been held on the date hereof:

WHEREAS, the Company has 7 Members, Charles Franklin McDowell IV, Isaac Nelson Dibrell Freeman, Frederick Watson Vaughan, Hampton Michael Billips, Lauren Briggs Henderson, John Easterling, and Douglas Boyette II (the "Members"), and 1 Manager: Charles Franklin McDowell IV (the "Managers").

WHEREAS, the Company intends to file that certain Foreign Agents Registration Act registration ("the FARA").

WHEREAS, the Company, by and through its Members and Managers, now wishes to ratify the FARA and approve such actions as may be necessary to carry out the terms of the Agreements and appoint two individual Members to execute such documents on behalf of the Company as may be necessary to carry out the terms of FARA.

NOW THEREFORE, the Company, by and through its Members and Managers, does hereby ratify, approve, agree, and resolve as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Company's Members and Managers ratify the Agreements and if and to the extent that any action was taken on behalf of the Company without the necessary approval of the Members and Managers in connection with making and forming the FARA, that action is hereby ratified and shall be treated as if it were taken with all necessary approvals.

RESOLVED, that Charles Franklin McDowell IV and Frederick Watson Vaughan be and hereby are authorized, directed, and empowered to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, without limitation, such agreements, FARA, and other instruments and documents in connection with the consummation and implementation of the FARA and the transactions contemplated thereby, as they deem appropriate, in their discretion, and to take from time to time, any actions necessary to perform the terms of the FARA.

This Consent may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any signature that is sent or made by facsimile or electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as an original signature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Members and Managers of the Company have caused this Corporate Resolution to be subscribed in the name of the Company on this the 29th day of May, 2025.

**CONSTITUTING ALL OF THE MEMBERS:**



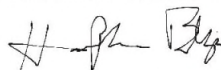
Charles Franklin McDowell IV



Isaac Nelson Dibrell Freeman



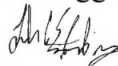
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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

**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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1. Name of Registrant

Checkmate Government Relations LLC

2. Registration Number

7534

3. Name of Foreign Principal

AMS Art Media Production

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, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 05/08/2025
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Government and public relations services

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

The Registrant will provide government and public relations services by advising on issues that impact the U.S.-Libya economic relationship and facilitating communications with U.S. officials and decision makers, non-government organizations, and other individuals within the U.S.

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10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.<sup>1</sup>

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.

Registrant may provide policy advice and outreach concerning the U.S.-Libya commercial/economic relationship. This may include relevant outreach to U.S. government officials, non-government organizations, and other U.S. individuals.

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11. Prior to the date of registration<sup>2</sup> for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including 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 has consulted with client on potential strategies and materials and is registering upon becoming aware that activities on behalf of client would further interests of foreign principal.

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

| Date                                     | Contact | Method | Purpose |
|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| No Political Activity Contacts to Report |         |        |         |

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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register<sup>3</sup> to the date of registration 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 register<sup>4</sup> to the date of registration 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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<sup>1</sup> "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.

<sup>2,3,4</sup> Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

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06/30/2025

Frederick w. Vaughan

Sign

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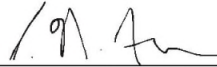
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