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Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad  
Embassy of Afghanistan  
2341 Wyoming Avenue, NW  
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Dear Ambassador Jawad:

Throughout the past five years DLA Piper LLP US ("DLA Piper") has been privileged to represent the Embassy and the government of Afghanistan on a pro bono basis in Washington, D.C.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Embassy and the government of Afghanistan during the critical period that lies ahead. Working closely with the Embassy, our work will include: 1) strengthening the U.S. – Afghanistan bilateral relationship, 2) building new investment opportunities in Afghanistan with the U.S. business community, and 3) increasing the knowledge base about the government of Afghanistan in Washington, D.C.

As we have discussed, to help support our work and to sustain our commitment to a dedicated and priority representation the government of Afghanistan ("Client") agrees to pay a retainer of U.S. \$10,000 (U.S. ten thousand dollars) ("Retainer") per month for the next year for legal fees, and ordinary and reasonable expenses (*i.e.*, e-mail; use of Internet; facsimile; telex; messenger and courier services; document reproduction; document preparation services; and

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incidental transportation). Other reasonable expenses not fitting into this category will be billed separately. Should the value of the hours billed exceed the monthly retainer, we will perform this additional work on a pro bono basis. Client will receive a monthly invoice, with payment due within 30 days of receipt of billing. In addition, we will provide the Embassy with a monthly report of the firm's activities on behalf of the Afghan Government. The retainer will be effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and either party may terminate the agreement by providing sixty (60) days advance written notice of termination.

Very truly yours,

DLA PIPER US LLP

  
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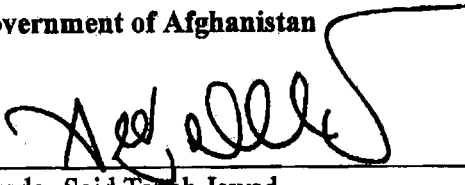
  
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I have read the above letter and agree and accept the terms and conditions set forth therein.

The Government of Afghanistan

Date: July 1, 2007

By:   
Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad

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