

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 <http://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name and Address of Registrant Sorini Samet & Associates LLC, 540 N. Lincoln St. Hinsdale IL	2. Registration No. 5839
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3. Name of Foreign Principal ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN	4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th and 16th floor Seef Tower P.O. Box 11299 Manama Bahrain
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5. Indicate whether your 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:
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ |
- Individual-State nationality _____

6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
Economic Development Board/Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals
Kamal Ahmed

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

- a) Principal address
N/A
- 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.

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.

NA.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). (If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)

NA

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.

NA

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
January 20, 2015	Andrew Samet, Principal	/s/ Andrew Samet

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 <http://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant

Sorini Samet & Associates LLC

2. Registration No.

5839

3. Name of Foreign Principal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

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.

See attached contract. Registrant will represent principal on issues related to trade, including advising the client on US policy, conducting government relations efforts concerning extension of certain tariff preference levels; drafting position papers and talking points; and communicating with US government and private sector concerning issues of importance to the principal.

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

See attached contract. Registrant will represent principal on issues related to trade, including advising the client on US policy, conducting government relations efforts concerning extension of certain tariff preference levels; drafting position papers and talking points; and communicating with US government and private sector concerning issues of importance to the principal.

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.

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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
January 20, 2015	Andrew Samet, Principal	/s/ Andrew Samet 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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CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

January 12, 2015

The Honorable Mr. Kamal Ahmed
Chief Executive Officer
Economic Development Board
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

On behalf of Sorini, Samet & Associates LLC (SS&A), I am most pleased to provide this proposal for advisory services with regard to an effort to extend the Tariff Preference Level ("TPL") provision under the Bahrain-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and to consult under the FTA on potential rule of origin changes that could provide additional U.S. access for Bahrain's apparel sector. A TPL extension would support the Bahraini garment industry's continued success in the U.S. market, and is due to expire on July 31, 2016, or just over 18 months. Work under this contract may also be performed by the law firm Kingery, Samet & Sorini PLLC ("KS&S"), which is affiliated with the consulting firm of SS&A.

ELEMENTS OF WORK

SS&A and KS&S professionals are extraordinarily well positioned to assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy to obtain an extension of the Tariff Preference Level (TPL) provision of the U.S.-Bahrain Free trade Agreement and to support requests for apparel rule of origin changes under the textiles and apparel chapter of the FTA that would permit the use of third-country yarns and fabrics. Our principals and professionals bring decades of high-level experience as former U.S. Government Officials and Congressional Staff, along with detailed policy and technical expertise related to trade legislation in general, and textiles and apparel trade issues, in particular. Moreover, we have long experience in working on trade policy issues with the U.S. apparel brands

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and retailers with whom we will need to closely align our strategy to obtain an extension of the TPL provision.

The elements of the assistance SS&A proposes to provide include the following services ("Services"):

1. Coordinate with the Government of Bahrain and the Bahraini private sector around the objective to obtain an extension of the TPL provision beyond December 31, 2015. In addition, SS&A would provide technical support to assess and develop potential requests for rule of origin changes, on the basis of Article 3.2.3 of the textiles and apparel chapter of the Bahrain-U.S Free Trade Agreement, which could support enhanced options for Bahrain's garment industry to use third-country inputs based on the lack of availability of supply of qualifying yarns and fabrics.
2. Consult with Bahraini officials and the Bahraini apparel industry and develop a proposal on the parameters for the duration, structure and level of the TPL extension, as well as a comprehensive strategy to accomplish the extension. The proposal will need to take into account the U.S. dynamics that may require modification to the prior TPL provision in the FTA, while maintaining its commercial viability for the Bahraini garment sector.
3. Identify supporters in the U.S. Government and U.S. Congress for a TPL extension, and work with them to pass the necessary legislation. Seek support from these same parties for any efforts to consult on rule of origin modifications.
4. Undertake necessary research and collect relevant documents.
5. Draft position papers, background analysis papers, and talking points.
6. Consult with U.S. textile interests to try to mitigate or eliminate potential opposition to any TPL extension or rule of origin changes.
7. Initiate and develop a coalition of U.S. private sector interests and opinion leaders supportive of the changes sought.
8. Undertake the outreach meetings to the offices in the U.S. Congress and appropriate Administration officials on the requested changes.
9. Develop responses to any possible questions or concerns that are raised about the requested changes.
10. Coordinate with the Bahraini Embassy in Washington, and other officials from the Bahraini Government that are in a position to support the TPL extension and rule of origin change efforts.
11. Provide input and manage any apparel or national media developments related to

the TPL extension effort.

WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT

Our SS&A and KS&S principals that will work under this contract have unmatched expertise in the technical provisions and industry politics of textiles and apparel trade in the United States. Two of our firm members are former Ambassadors and Chief Textile Negotiators in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

We have been involved in every major textile and apparel initiative for the last quarter-century, including the textile and apparel negotiations for the CAFTA-DR agreement, the Haiti Trade Preference Program, the Qualified Industrial Zone (QIZ) program for Jordan and Egypt, and the textile rules for the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. Currently, SS&A and KS&S principals are working on the textile and apparel provisions related to the Trans-Pacific-Partnership (TPP), and the firms are constantly working on the short-supply and related rule of origin provisions of various free trade agreements. Our clients include trade associations, and major brands, retailers and manufacturers in the United States, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

The professionals of our firms that could work on the TPL extension include the following individuals. Other professional from the firm could also work on the matter.

Andrew Samet is a principal and founder of Sorini, Samet & Associates LLC and also a principal and founder of the law firm Kingery, Samet & Sorini PLLC. He counsels U.S. and foreign clients on trade agreements, legislation in the Congress, and decisions by the Executive Branch that impact their global interests. Among the foreign governments Mr. Samet has represented are Jordan and Costa Rica on issues under their free trade agreements with the United States.

Mr. Samet previously served as Deputy Under Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, where he was responsible for all international activities of the Department of Labor, and was a member of the senior sub-cabinet deputies group of the White House National Economic Council for international trade policy decisions. He also represented the United States on the Governing Body of the International Labor Organization, and the Department of Labor at meetings of the OECD and the WTO. Mr. Samet joined the Clinton administration after serving on the staff of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York for six years, primarily as Legislative Director and international trade counsel.

Ron Sorini has experience in high-level positions in the federal government at the Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). Ambassador Sorini was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate as Ambassador and Chief Textile Negotiator for USTR, where he was head of the U.S. delegation on all matters relating to textiles and apparel in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the quota phase out under the Uruguay Round WTO agreement.

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Mr. Sorini also served as Senior Vice President for International Development & Government Relations at Fruit of the Loom. He was the lead adviser to the Governments of El Salvador and the Dominican Republic during the free trade negotiations for those countries with the United States, and among other things was the chief architect for the trade preference programs Haiti now has with the United States, which includes TPLs.

John Kingery has over thirty years of international trade experience, including extensive litigation under the World Trade Organization ("WTO") and its predecessor, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. During his career, Mr. Kingery has been an Associate General Counsel at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and a senior legal advisor at the WTO. Among other projects, Mr. Kingery served as the overall legal and policy adviser to the Korean Government during negotiations with the United States of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (KORUS), Congressional approval of the agreement and its U.S. implementation.

TERMS OF THE CONTRACT

1. The contract between Sorini, Samet & Associates (SS&A) and the Economic Development Board of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain (the "Client") is for the period from the date of the Client's signature until December 31, 2015. The Contract shall enter into force on the date it is signed by the Client.
2. For the purposes of the Services to be provided under this Contract, SS&A will receive instructions from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which entity shall serve as SS&A's contact point in this regard.
3. The Client agrees to pay SS&A fees for professional services by SS&A and KS&S as a fixed monthly retainer of US \$10,000 (Ten Thousand US Dollars). The first payment shall be due upon the Client's signature of the contract, and the remaining monthly retainers shall be due on the 1st day of each month. If the date of the Client's signature is before February 1, 2015, the Client will pay to SS&A its fees on *pro rata* basis.
4. Payments to SS&A shall be made by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce or the Economic Development Board or another agency of the Government of Bahrain.
5. Expenses for travel to Bahrain or elsewhere in the United States outside of Washington, DC, would occur only with the prior approval of the Client and would be billed additionally to the monthly retainer. Air travel will be at business class rates. Travel expenses under this Contract shall be capped at US \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand US Dollars). Any additional expenses shall require the prior written approval of the Client.
6. This contract can be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days prior written notice. The Client may also elect to extend this Contract for a further period of up to seven (7) months following the end of the term mentioned in Clause 1 above, in which case the Contract shall be extended on the same terms and conditions for the period so elected.

Should the Client terminate the contract, the fees and expenses through the month of termination would still be payable.

7. If the contract is terminated after the TPL is extended but before December 31, 2015, then the remaining months of the monthly retainer amount under the terms of this contract until December 31, 2015 would still be paid by the Client to SS&A.
8. The Client agrees to provide the necessary information to assure that SS&A and KS&S can comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and agrees that SS&A and KS&S will take the steps necessary to comply with these laws as required.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT



Andrew J. Samet
On Behalf of Sorini, Samet & Associates LLC / Kingery Samet & Sorini PLLC
Date: November 16, 2014



Kamal Ahmed
Economic Development Board
Date: January 12, 2015

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