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U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Amendment to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. File this amendment form for any changes to a registration. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic amendment to registration statement and uploading any supporting documents at http://www.fara.gov.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for 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 the 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: http://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: http://www.fara.gov.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 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, Counterespionage 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	2. Registration No.
Podesta Group, Inc.	5926

3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose or purposes:

- ☐ To give a 10-day notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.
- ☐ To correct a deficiency in
  - ☐ Initial Statement
  - ☐ Supplemental Statement for the period ending _____
  - ☐ Other purpose *(specify)* _____
- ☒ To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:
Exhibit B for the Embassy of Japan
Contract between Registrant and the Embassy of Japan

5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains. *(If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.)*

Registrant and the Embassy of Japan have extended their agreement for an additional year.

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EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature[1])
4-4-17	Kimberley Fritts

[1] This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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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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Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .33 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, Counterespionage 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.

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3. Name of Foreign Principal

Embassy of Japan

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.

Registrant will provide lobbying and consulting services to the Embassy of Japan at the direction of the Minister and Head of Chancery or other designee.

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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.

Research and analyze issues of concern to the principal; counsel the principal on U.S. policies of concern, activities in the Congress and executive branch, and developments on the U.S. political scene generally; and maintain contact, as necessary, with members of Congress and their staff and executive branch officials.

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.

All of the activities listed in Item 8 will be undertaken in order to communicate information to the principal as well as to communicate information about the principal and its issues of concern to interested persons in the public sector. At the request of the principal, meetings with members of Congress and their staff, as well as executive branch officials may be arranged.

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
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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.

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LOBBYING AND CONSULTING SERVICES

This agreement summarizes the terms by which Minister and Head of Chancery of the Embassy of Japan (Embassy), Takuya Sasayama, on behalf of the Embassy, engages the Podesta Group (Podesta), of 1001 G Street, NW, Suite 1000 West, Washington, DC 20001, for lobbying and consulting services in connection with legislation and federal government policy matters of possible interest to the Embassy of Japan (this matter):

- ***Period of engagement.*** The Embassy's engagement of Podesta in this matter shall be deemed to have begun on April 1, 2017, and shall terminate on March 31, 2018, renewable by written agreement between the Embassy and Podesta. During this period, or at any time thereafter, either the Embassy or Podesta may terminate this engagement upon 30 days' written notice.

- ***Fees.*** The Embassy agrees to pay Podesta $16,000 per month for all services performed pursuant to this agreement. Upon prior notice to, and approval by, the Embassy, extraordinary expenditures undertaken by Podesta in connection with its services pursuant to this agreement will be reimbursed by the Embassy. Podesta will bill the Embassy on a monthly basis, and the Embassy agrees to pay such bills within thirty days of their receipt. In the event that either the Embassy or Podesta concludes that the volume of the work involved has changed significantly, and that such change is likely to endure for several months, it may recommend that the fee amount be reconsidered to reflect such change in volume. Under such circumstances, the party receiving such a request will consider it in good faith and determine whether a change is warranted.

- ***Reports on Activities.*** Podesta agrees to provide the Embassy with a substantive, confidential monthly report, in writing or orally, on the specific activities it conducts pursuant to this agreement.

Kimberley Fritts
CEO
Podesta Group

Date: April 3, 2017

Accepted by:

Takuya Sasayama
Minister and Head of Chancery
Embassy of Japan

Date: April 3, 2017