

## LINDEN GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS ENGAGED IN LIBYA

WASHINGTON DC, MAY 20, 2019 Linden Government Solutions, a subsidiary of Linden Strategies, today announced that it has been engaged by the Decision Support Center of Libya on behalf of the Libyan National Army (LNA). Linden will provide strategic advisory and support in the United States.

The Libyan National Army, led by Field Marshall Khalifa Haftar, has spent the last five years working to bring stability to Libya after nearly a decade of strife. The LNA has successfully eradicated ISIS, al-Qaeda, and other radical Islamic terrorist cells throughout much of Libya, and continues to fight for the safety and security of the Libyan people.

"After having been in communication with Field Marshall Haftar for the past five years, and most recently meeting him in Benghazi, I knew we were on the right side of history," said Stephen Payne, President of Linden Strategies. "The Field Marshall is dedicated to stabilizing Libya, eradicating ISIS and al-Qaeda, and ensuring free and fair elections for the first time in almost a decade," Payne continued.

The Linden team has a deep background in Libya. Linden President, Stephen Payne, and Linden General Counsel, Brian Ettinger, previously led a mission to Libya in April of 2011, prior to the downfall of Muammar Ghaddafi, in which they presented a plan for him to step down peacefully and hold elections to prevent the bloodshed seen today. During this trip, Payne and Ettinger helped negotiate the release of journalists Clare Gillis, James Foley, and Manu Brabo, then imprisoned by the Ghaddafi regime. Payne and Ettinger also helped negotiate the release and on-camera CNN interview of Libyan sexual assault victim Iman al-Obeidi where she described war crimes committed by the Ghaddafi regime.

"Our team has a deep knowledge of Libya and will help bridge the gap between the LNA and those within the U.S. government and media who are unaware of the real situation on the ground," said Brian Ettinger, Linden General Counsel. "It is critical that U.S. policymakers and the Western media understand that most of the existing coverage is driven by propaganda from countries who support the Muslim Brotherhood-led Government of National Accord," said Ettinger. Leading the project will be Stephen Payne, President of Linden Strategies, and Brian Ettinger, Linden's General Counsel.

### About Linden Government Solutions

Linden Government Solutions, a subsidiary of Linden Strategies, is a government relations firm providing strategic analysis and advisory to international clients, including sovereign nations. Our team of experts has a vast wealth of experience across government, and commercial enterprise and our clients span over 40 countries around the globe.

Among other major international clients, the Linden team was FARA registered for Pakistan from 2001 to 2004, helping to reverse years of sanctions and encouraging Pakistan to join the fight against Al-Qaeda after 9/11. During this period the Linden team successfully assisted Pakistan in being designated a Non-NATO ally by the U.S., obtaining over \$3 billion in U.S. aid, and supported the purchase of F-16 fighter jets and other military equipment needed to support the War on Terror.

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