

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>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by 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 this 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 FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://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: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 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, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control 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

Ballard Partners

2. Registration Number

7070

3. Primary Address of Registrant

601 Thirteenth St, NW, Suite 450 N, Washington, DC 20005

4. Name of Foreign PrincipalMinistry of Communication and Medias of the
Democratic Republic of Congo**5. Address of Foreign Principal**83 Avenue Tabu-Ley
Kinshasa
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE**6. Country/Region Represented**

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7. Indicate whether the 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:☐ Partnership☐ Committee☐ Corporation☐ Voluntary group☐ Association☐ Other (*specify*) _____☐ Individual-State nationality _____**8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:**

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

Ministry of Communication and Medias of the Democratic Republic of Congo

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant engages

Nicolas Lianza Likwale, Director of the Cabinet

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.

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

- a) Name and title of official with whom registrant engages

- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

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.

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 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"/> |

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

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.

EXECUTION

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

03/18/2022Brian Ballard/s/Brian Ballard

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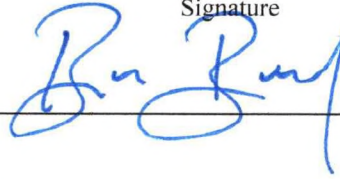
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Exhibit B to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

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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Ministry of Communication and Medias of the Democratic Republic of Congo

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. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 03/11/2022
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Registrant will provide principal with advocacy services relative to U.S. - Democratic Republic of Congo bilateral relations.

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

Ballard Partners will work to enhance U.S. - Democratic Republic of Congo bilateral relations, strengthen democratic institutions and rule of law, and advance economic growth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act¹.

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.

Activities will include advising, counseling, and assisting the foreign principal in communication with U.S. government officials, U.S. business entities, and non-governmental audiences.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as 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.

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

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ 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 register⁴ for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to the foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
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¹ "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.

^{2,3,4} 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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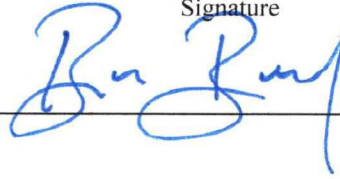
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3/17/2022

Brian Ballard



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This contract is entered into between the Ministry of Communication and Medias of the Democratic Republic of Congo ("the Client"), 83 Avenue Tabu-Ley, Kinshasa, Congo and Ballard Partners, Inc. ("the Firm"), 601 Thirteenth Street NW, Suite 450N, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Recitals

Whereas the Client wishes to retain the services of the Firm in order that the Firm may provide strategic consulting and advocacy services to the Democratic Republic of Congo in connection with its business with the United States government; and

Whereas, the Firm wishes to provide such representation as the Client may from time to time require; and

Whereas, the parties have agreed to the terms under which the Firm will represent the Client and wish to memorialize their agreement in writing.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term of Agreement.** This agreement shall become effective on March 11, 2022 and shall remain effective until March 10, 2023 ("initial term"). This agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods on the anniversary of the effective date of the agreement unless either party terminates the agreement. Upon renewal of the initial term, this agreement may be terminated within thirty (30) days written notice by either party.

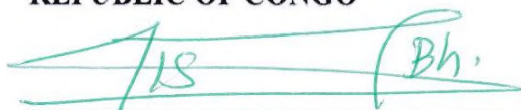
2. **Duties of The Firm.** It shall be the Firm's duty to consult with the Client and advocate on its behalf those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate before the U.S. Government. Issues and objectives may include, but not limited to, enhancing U.S. - Democratic Republic of the Congo relations, strengthening of democratic institutions and rule of law, and advance economic growth. We will help recognize and promote the Democratic Republic of the Congo as an international leader of climate change, with equitable compensation for its carbon credits and allow it to position itself more effectively on the path of the protection of forest resources and national socio-economic development. It shall further be the Firm's duty to inform the Client of developments in legislation and U.S. policies relevant to the Client's issues and objectives.

3. **Duties of The Client.** It shall be the Client's duty to provide the Firm the information necessary to best represent the Client. It shall also be the Client's duty to timely compensate the Firm for its services.

4. **Compensation.** The Firm shall receive from the Client a fee of \$75,000 a month, payable in quarterly installments for this agreement, plus the reasonable costs associated with the

representation, including but not limited to, necessary registration fees; and travel expenses such as overseas hotel, air fare, car services and meals, excluding costs typically associated with the operation of an office, such as overhead, staff, and equipment. The fee shall be paid in quarterly installments of \$225,000 with the first installment being due immediately upon execution of this agreement; second installment due on June 11th; third installment due September 11th; fourth installment due December 11th; and continuing to be due on a quarterly basis until the termination of the agreement. The Firm will bill its costs quarterly.

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION
AND MEDIAS OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF CONGO**



By: NICOLAS LIANZA LIKWALE
Title: DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET

Date: 3/11/2022

BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.



By: Brian D. Ballard
Title: President

Date: 3/11/2022