

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>.

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1. Name of Registrant Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.	2. Registration Number 7130
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 700, Washington, D.C., DC 20016

4. Name of Foreign Principal The Office of the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo	5. Address of Foreign Principal Executive Office of the President Kinshasa CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
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6. Country/Region Represented
 CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE

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
 - Corporation
 - Association
 - Committee
 - Voluntary group
 - Other (*specify*) _____
- Individual-State nationality _____

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

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
 The Office of the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
 See Appendix for Response

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(s) 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.

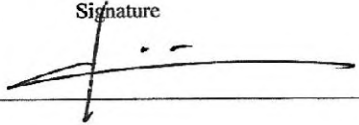
EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, 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	Printed Name	Signature
03/12/2025	karl von Batten	<input data-bbox="886 405 954 443" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/karl von Batten
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Date	Printed Name	Signature
03/12/2025	Karl Jon Ritter	

**Appendix
Response to Item 8(b)**

Item 8(b): If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state: Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages.

H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi, President
Mr. Francois Muamba, Chief of Staff
Mr. Andre Wameso, Deputy Chief of Staff

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
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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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1. Name of Registrant Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.	2. Registration Number 7130
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3. Name of Foreign Principal
 The Office of the President 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, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
- 7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 02/12/2025
- 8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Provide guidance and facilitate conversations between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the United States government, while executing designated tasks as instructed.

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

Lobbied members of the Trump Administration and Congress

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

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.

See Appendix for Response

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

Reinforce US support for the DRC against Rwandan aggression and promote a US-DRC partnership in mineral mining

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

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
See Appendix for Response			

12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ to the date of registration 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 to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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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.

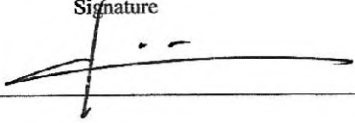
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Date	Printed Name	Signature
03/12/2025	Karl Von Batten	Sign /s/Karl Von Batten
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____
_____	_____	Sign _____

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Date	Printed Name	Signature
03/12/2025	Karl Jon Ritter	

Appendix Response to Item 10

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

Lobbying : Direct engagement with elected officials and governmental representatives to advocate for specific policies or legislation. This involves organizing meetings, providing expert testimony, and presenting research to illustrate the benefits of proposed actions. The goal is to shape decision-making processes in favor of certain interests or sectors.

Promotion : Conducting initiatives designed to highlight specific issues or policies of importance. This can include organizing events, campaigns, and public forums that focus on key subjects, thereby raising awareness and garnering public support. The aim is to create a favorable environment for policy consideration.

Perception Management : Employing strategies to influence public perception regarding particular issues or policies. This can involve utilizing messaging tactics that frame discussions in a certain light, thereby shaping how stakeholders view the initiatives. Social media campaigns, strategic messaging, and grassroots outreach are key components of this effort.

Public Relations : Developing and maintaining a positive image for organizations, policies, or political figures through media engagement and community interaction. This includes crafting press releases, conducting interviews, and facilitating media coverage to ensure that favorable narratives are propagated.

Economic Development Initiatives : Advocating for policies that stimulate economic growth, including job creation and investment in infrastructure. This may involve collaborating with businesses, local governments, and community organizations to promote development projects that align with broader economic goals.

Preparation and Dissemination of Informational Materials : Creating and distributing brochures, reports, white papers, and digital content that provide information about specific policies or initiatives. This helps in educating stakeholders, influencing public opinion, and mobilizing support for initiatives.

Appendix Response to Item 11-List

Item 11-List: Prior to the date of registration for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, such as political activities, for this foreign principal? 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 in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
01/10/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	Email and Phone call	Discussed the Ministry of Mines and the Prime Minister's next steps per the meeting between Chairman James and the Prime Minister and to ascertain the new Chairman's, Congressman Smiths, direction per the DRC.. Pushed for having high-level discussions between President Tshisekedi, Chairman Smith, and President Trump
01/25/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee Staff	Email	Pushed for meeting between DRC Foreign Minister and House Foreign Affairs Committee
02/05/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee Staff. State Department. NSC	email and phone call	Recommended the immediate withdrawal of Rwandan troops from the DRC, and call for targeted sanctions against the RDF chain of command
02/05/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Pushed for zoom meeting between President Tshisekedi and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mast
02/07/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Pushed for zoom meeting between President Tshisekedi and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mast
02/10/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Pushed for zoom meeting between President Tshisekedi and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mast
02/10/2025	Executive Office of the President of the United States	email and phone call	Recommended a review of Rwanda's eligibility and urge appropriate measures if Rwanda is deemed to be in violation of Section 104 of the Act.
02/10/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Pushed for zoom meeting between President Tshisekedi and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mast
02/11/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mast	Zoom Video Call	Hosted a meeting between President Tshisekedi and Chairman Mast
02/13/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee. NSC. State	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/19/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/20/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/21/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/24/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee. NSC. State	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential

			visit to the US
02/26/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee. NSC. State	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/26/2025	Executive Office of the President of the United States	email and phone call	Recommended a review of Rwanda's eligibility and urge appropriate measures if Rwanda is deemed to be in violation of Section 104 of the Act.
02/27/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
02/28/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
03/03/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
03/04/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
03/05/2025	Export-Import Bank of the United States	email and phone calls	Advocated for US-DRC mining partnership
03/05/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US
03/06/2025	House Foreign Affairs Committee	email and phone calls	Planned for a presidential delegation to visit Congress and the Trump administration. Topics include Rwanda, the DRC-US-mining partnership, and the proposed presidential visit to the US

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PROPOSED SUMMARY OF DELEGATION ENGAGEMENT AGENDA:

DRC AND U.S. GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Proposed Meeting Dates: 02/24/2025 to 02/28/2025 (Five Days)

Location: Washington D.C., United States

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The agenda summary outlines a comprehensive five-day program for a delegation from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) aimed at engaging with senior members of the U.S. Congress and the Trump Administration. The primary focus is to discuss U.S. assistance in countering the M23 rebel group's advances, holding Rwanda accountable for its support of M23, and strengthening economic, trade, military, and investment ties between the DRC and the United States. The agenda also includes preliminary discussions about a potential meeting between President Tshisekedi and President Trump.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AND BRIEFINGS

The delegation will arrive in Washington, D.C., and check into their accommodations. An afternoon briefing will provide an overview of the U.S. political landscape, introduce delegation members, and review key objectives for their meetings. The day will conclude with an informal dinner, allowing delegation members to network with local experts.

DAY 2: CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- **Morning:** Meetings will be held with key leaders from the Senate and House, including the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, focusing on foreign aid and U.S. support in light of the M23 conflict.
- **Afternoon:** Additional discussions with influential members of Congress will address human rights concerns and potential funding for security assistance.
- **Evening:** A reception will provide informal networking opportunities with other congressional members.

DAY 3: EXECUTIVE BRANCH MEETINGS

- **Morning:** The delegation will meet with officials from the State Department, including the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, to discuss diplomatic responses to M23 and Rwanda's involvement.
- **Afternoon:** A meeting at the Department of Defense will cover military cooperation and security needs for the DRC.

- **Evening:** A debriefing session will review the day's discussions and prepare for future engagements.

DAY 4: ECONOMIC AND TRADE DISCUSSIONS

- **Morning:** An economic roundtable will involve U.S. businesses and trade associations to explore investment opportunities in sectors like infrastructure, mining, and agriculture.
- **Afternoon:** The delegation will meet with the U.S. Trade Representative to discuss trade agreements and facilitate U.S. investments in the DRC.
- **Evening:** A networking dinner with business leaders will further promote potential partnerships.

DAY 5: STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEPARTURE

- **Morning:** Final meetings with senior Trump Administration advisors will solidify strategic discussions, including preparation for Tshisekedi's potential meeting with President Trump.
- **Afternoon:** A media strategy session will help shape public narratives surrounding DRC initiatives.
- **Evening:** The delegation will prepare for departure, with logistics in place for transportation to the airport.

FACILITATION COMPENSATION

The estimated total cost to facilitate and host the DRC delegation during their visit, including lobbying costs, hotel accommodations, transportation, and all related expenses, is **\$350,000** . This fee encompasses:

- **Lobbying Costs:** Engaging with Congressional leaders, the State Department, and the Department of Defense, along with necessary advocacy efforts related to the DRC's interests and strategic goals.
- **Hotel Costs:** Accommodation arrangements for delegation members during their stay in Washington, D.C., ensuring comfort and convenience throughout the meetings.
- **Transportation Costs:** Covered transportation for delegation members, including airport transfers and travel between meeting locations, ensuring efficient scheduling of all planned engagements.