

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 Dr. Aaron Sean Poynton | 2. Registration Number 7420 |
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
1408 Stockton Road, Joppa, MD 21085

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| 4. Name of Foreign Principal Mr. Thierry Katembwe Mbala | 5. Address of Foreign Principal Hotel du Gouvernement / Primature Gombe - Kinshasa CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 0010z |
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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 CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE

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

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

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.

Organize and coordinate the upcoming USA-DRC Business Roundtable in Washington DC. This roundtable is intended as a strategic platform to enhance the business and economic relationship between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United States of America. We aim to convene top business leaders and U.S. government officials to support and strengthen our bilateral connections.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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

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

See Appendix for Response

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 |
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| 06/12/2024 | Aaron Poynton | <input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Aaron Poynton |
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| _____ | _____ | <input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____ |
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| <u>12 June 2024</u> | <u>Aaron Paynter</u> |  |
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Appendix Response to Item 11

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

Item 10(b) Supervised: FP is on a strategic committee (from which he sits as the secretary) that has 19 members distributed as follows:

- The Prime Minister;;
- The Representative of the President of the Republic;
- 15 Ministers (including Finance, Defence, Interior and Security, Urban Planning and Housing, Water Resources and Electricity, Infrastructures ...);
- The Governor of the City of Kinshasa and the Secretary of State

Item 10(b) Directed: FP is the Secretary of the strategic committee and receives direction from the government.

Item 10(b) Controlled: Strategic committee that has 19 members distributed as follows:

- The Prime Minister;;
- The Representative of the President of the Republic;
- 15 Ministers (including Finance, Defence, Interior and Security, Urban Planning and Housing, Water Resources and Electricity, Infrastructures ...);
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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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| 1. Name of Registrant Dr. Aaron Sean Poynton | 2. Registration Number 7420 |
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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Mr. Thierry Katembwe Mbala

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? 05/09/2024
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.
Schedule and participate in In-person meetings.

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

Engaging with covered federal government officials, including Congress, Executive, DOS, DOD, DOE, DOC, and others to support and strengthen bilateral connections.

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.

Meet with covered federal government officials and dissemination of informational materials to support the FP's objectives.

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, 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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| 06/12/2024 | Aaron Poynton | <input data-bbox="889 457 959 485" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Aaron Poynton |
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| _____ | _____ | <input data-bbox="889 630 959 669" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____ |
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**COMITE STRATEGIQUE DE SUPERVISION DU PROJET
D'EXTENSION DE LA VILLE DE KINSHASA
CSSPEVK – COORDINATION PERMANENTE**

Le Coordonnateur Principal

N° 085/COOR/CSSPEVK/TK/2024

Kinshasa, le 09 MAI 2024

To: Aaron S. POYNTON
Founder and CEO Omnipoynt Solutions
Washington, DC, USA

Subject: Mandate to Organize the USA-DRC Business Roundtable

Dear Mr. Poynton,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am the Principal Coordinator of the government body that is carrying out the extension of the capital city of Kinshasa. I sit on a strategic committee (from which I sit the secretary) which has 19 members distributed as follows:

- The Prime Minister;;
- The Representative of the President of the Republic;
- 15 Ministers (including Finance, Defence, Interior and Security, Urban Planning and Housing, Water Resources and Electricity, Infrastructures...);
- The Governor of the City of Kinshasa and the Secretary of State

I am pleased to formally mandate you, Aaron S. POYNTON, Founder and CEO of Omnipoynt Solutions, to organize and coordinate the upcoming USA-DRC Business Roundtable in Washington DC. Please note that I would have the honour of being accompanied by, Mr. Jacques TSHISEKEDI TSHIBANDA, Internal Security Coordinator Personal Services Office of the Head of State of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

This roundtable is intended as a strategic platform to enhance the business and economic relationship between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United States of America. We aim to convene top business leaders and U.S. government officials to support and strengthen our bilateral connections.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is eager to expand cooperation and to showcase the potential for economic development and investment. Given your high-level business and political network, you are the ideal individual to lead this important initiative.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm your acceptance of this mandate. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your commitment to enhancing this significant relationship. We look forward to a successful event under your guidance.

Yours sincerely,

Thierry KATEMBWE MBALA



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