

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 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 Putala Strategies, LLC	2. Registration Number 7677
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
3015 Dumbarton Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

4. Name of Foreign Principal Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative	5. Address of Foreign Principal c/o CIS GAZ SA, 686 Str Voinceilor Santana de Mures, Romania ROMANIA 547565
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6. Country/Region Represented
ROMANIA

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*) See Appendix for Response
- Individual-State nationality _____

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.

The Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative is a coalition consisting of the following 3 privately-owned energy companies: CIZ GAZ, S.A., IRIGC Impex SRL, and MVN Structural Consulting SRL.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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).

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.

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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
12/12/2025	christopher putala	<input data-bbox="886 405 954 443" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/christopher putala
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 491 954 529" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 577 954 615" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 663 954 701" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

12/4/25

CHRISTOPHER PUTAUA



Appendix Response to Item 7

Item 7: Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following: Other (specify).

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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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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative

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? 12/03/2025
- 8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

The Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative (the "Initiative") is a coalition consisting of the following 3 privately-owned energy companies: CIZ GAZ, S.A., IRIGC Impex SRL, and MVN Structural Consulting SRL. Registrant will advise and represent the Initiative in its efforts to develop and strengthen economic, security, and diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Romania, with an immediate focus on developing support for the Vertical Corridor initiative within Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

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

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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.

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 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.

EXECUTION

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Date	Printed Name	Signature
12/12/2025	Christopher Putala	<input data-bbox="889 457 959 485" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Christopher Putala
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 541 959 581" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 630 959 669" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 718 959 758" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

12/4/25

CHRISTOPHER PUTALA



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.

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PUTALA STRATEGIES, LLC

November 22, 2025

TO: Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative
Attention: CIS GAZ S.A. 686 Str Voiceniilor, Comuna Santana de Mures, Romania

RE: **ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity for PUTALA STRATEGIES LLC (the "Firm") to establish, strengthen and consolidate the strategic partnership between the United States and Romania in the field of security, encompassing, but not limited to, economic cooperation, energy security (e.g. the Vertical Corridor initiative within Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans), diplomatic cooperation and related areas of mutual interest, representing the Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative (the "Initiative" or the "Client") in connection with the efforts to bolster economic relations between the United States and Romania.

Joint Representation. The Client and each of individual member that may sign an engagement with the Firm in relation to the Initiative (each a "Client" and together with any additional clients that may join the Client in the future, the "Clients") have engaged the Firm to represent it / them in this matter. While it presently appears that the interests of each individual Client and Romania are fully aligned with respect to this matter, the representation of multiple clients always raises the potential risk that disputes or conflicts between or among clients may arise during the engagement, which could create a potential conflict of interest. If actual conflicts or divergences of interest occur, the Firm may not be able to exercise independent professional judgment and loyalty on behalf of each of the Clients in this matter. In that event, the Firm may be required to withdraw from its representation of one or more of the Clients if the conflict cannot be resolved satisfactorily. Based on our understanding of the facts, we are unaware of any present conflict that would ethically preclude a joint representation, and we do not anticipate that any such conflict will arise in the future. Notwithstanding the present and anticipated absence of a conflict, the Firm reserves the right in the event of a future conflict to withdraw from representation of any Client and/or all of the Clients as a whole. Communications and information provided by each of you to the Firm during the joint representation in this matter will be held in confidence and will not be disclosed to others without consent. Nevertheless, you should be aware that all information we receive from each of Client relating to the matter will be fully shared with and disclosed to each of the other Clients. A request by one Client to withhold such information from the other Clients may require the Firm to withdraw from representation of the Client requesting non-disclosure, particularly if such information is material to the matter.

Principal Points of Contact. The undersigned will be primarily responsible for handling this matter, and you should feel free to contact the undersigned concerning the status of the matter and any questions you may have about the matter. We understand that a third-party designee appointed by the Initiative (the "Client Representative") will be our principal contact on behalf of the Clients. We will take direction from the Client Representative, as the context shall require, and maintain communication with such person as necessary relating to our services under this engagement. Any communications, as well as any information relating to this engagement that is received by the Firm from the Client Representative, shall be deemed to be provided by you unless and until you instruct otherwise.

Fees and Billing. Our fee for this matter shall be the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)

per month of engagement hereunder. From these funds, the Firm may retain additional professional services, subject to the Client Representative's prior written consent. The first payment shall be due within ten (10) days of signing this agreement and thereafter payable within ten (10) business days of the 1st day of each month during the Term (as defined below). Subject to the Client Representative's prior written consent, we may also, from time to time, engage other advisory firms and individuals, to assist in this matter. Unless otherwise agreed, the cost of engaging other advisory firms and individuals will be in addition to the fees above. In addition to the payment of our fees, you will be responsible for costs and expenses incurred, such as charges for photocopying, messenger and delivery service, computerized research, document review platforms hosted by the Firm or third-party vendors, expert and consultant fees, travel (including airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, parking and mileage), printing, necessary secretarial overtime, filing fees, etc. Charges for items that exceed \$1,000 in any consecutive thirty (30) calendar day period will not be incurred without the prior written consent of the Client Representative. We understand that we may be instructed to issue our invoices to the Client Representative on behalf of the Client for settlement, in which case we agree that our fee shall be payable solely from funds received by the Project Coordinator from one or more of the Clients and that Project Coordinator shall have no liability or obligation to pay us unless and until it has first actually received payment from the Client(s) of the relevant sums. The Project Coordinator shall be appointed within fourteen (14) days of the signing of this Agreement.

Independent Contractor Relationship. The Firm shall perform the services set out herein as an independent contractor. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, agency, or employment relationship between either of the Client and the Firm.

Compliance. The Firm shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in connection with the Services, including but not limited to: (a) the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA), as amended; (b) the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA), as amended; and (c) any other applicable lobbying registration and reporting requirements. The Firm shall be responsible for ensuring that all necessary registrations, disclosures, and filings are made in a timely and accurate manner and shall provide each of the Clients and/or the Client Representative with reasonable evidence of such compliance upon request.

Confidentiality. The Firm agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all non-public, proprietary, or sensitive information disclosed by any Client in connection herewith ("Confidential Information"). The Firm shall not disclose or use any Confidential Information except as necessary to perform the services contemplated herein. This obligation shall survive the termination of this agreement for a period of three years thereafter. Confidential Information shall not include information that: (a) is or becomes publicly available through no breach of this agreement; (b) is lawfully obtained from a third party without restriction; (c) is independently developed without reference to the Confidential Information; or (d) was disclosed pursuant to a requirement of law, or in response to a court order, subpoena, or action of governmental authority.

Taxes, Duties & Fees. All of our fees and expenses are exclusive of taxes (including, without limitation, value added, withholding, excise, sales or use taxes), duties, charges or costs that may be assessed or levied by any governmental authority, including U.S. local, state or federal regulatory or taxing authorities and any taxing authorities outside the U.S. ("Taxes"), other than payroll taxes with respect to the Firm's personnel and taxes imposed on the Firm's income or property generally. The Initiative will be responsible for all Taxes. The Initiative may provide us with an exemption certificate or equivalent information acceptable to the relevant tax authority, in which case, we will not charge or collect any Taxes covered by such certificate.

All fees and expenses due to the Firm in connection with this engagement will be paid without withholding

or deduction for Taxes.

Term and Termination of Engagement. This engagement shall automatically terminate on April 30, 2026, unless extended in writing (the "Term"). The Client Representative or the Initiative (as the context shall require) shall have the right to terminate our services and representation entirely at any time during the Term upon written notice if, in the opinion of the Client Representative and/or the Initiative, we are (a) frequently not timely rendering the services contemplated herein and/or (b) not delivering the results reasonably anticipated from such services commensurate with the fees charged by us. We also reserve the right to withdraw from our representation entirely if you fail to pay our fees and expenses. Upon valid termination of this engagement, we would, of course, honor instructions to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility to other advisors of your choice. If the services for all matters to which this engagement letter applies are completed, the engagement shall be deemed terminated for all purposes. Valid termination of this engagement shall be without prejudice to any rights or obligations accrued prior to the effective date of such termination.

Arbitration. Finally, we wish to confirm that in the event of a disagreement between us regarding the terms, conditions, or other provisions of this agreement, District of Columbia law shall apply. In addition, unless we mutually agree otherwise in writing, we agree that any controversy or claim arising out of this representation, including any dispute regarding fees, will be submitted to a confidential binding arbitration administered by JAMS under the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures (the "JAMS Rules") then in effect, before a single neutral arbitrator if the dispute involves less than \$2 million and before a panel of three neutral arbitrators if the dispute involves \$2 million or more. The arbitrators shall be selected as follows: (1) where a single arbitrator is used, we will agree on such arbitrator, but if agreement is not reached, JAMS shall select the arbitrator; and (2) where a panel of three arbitrators is used, each of us will appoint one arbitrator in accordance with JAMS Rule 7(c) and we will agree on a third arbitrator who shall be appointed as chairperson. In the absence of our agreement, JAMS will select the third arbitrator who shall be appointed as Chairman by JAMS in accordance with Rule 7(b). The parties shall share the costs of the proceeding as charged by JAMS, including but not limited to the arbitrator fees; however, the arbitrator(s) may, in his/her/their discretion, award the prevailing party its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including the costs of the proceeding. Any such arbitration shall take place in Washington, District of Columbia, and be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1, et seq. Judgment upon the award of the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof, including but not limited to the jurisdiction in which the arbitration hearing took place, or having jurisdiction over the relevant party or its assets. The prevailing party shall recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs should it need to pursue further relief in court to enforce an award entered in its favor. An arbitration is not the same as a proceeding in court, and by agreeing to arbitrate any dispute, you are giving up your right to go to court and have a dispute resolved by a judge or jury. You should consult with an independent attorney before agreeing to give up such rights. By signing below, you agree that you have had an opportunity to consult with an independent attorney regarding the advisability and effect of such a provision, and that you are voluntarily signing this agreement.

We look forward to serving you and are grateful that you have chosen us for this representation. I hope that this letter is helpful in clarifying the scope of our engagement. If the foregoing is an acceptable summary of the terms and conditions of our representation, please indicate your acceptance by executing this letter in the space provided below and returning a pdf copy to me.

Sincerely,



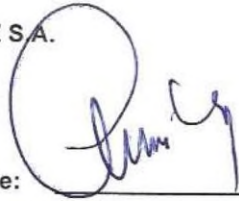
Christopher Putala

PUTALA STRATEGIES LLC

ROMANIAN-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE

AGREED and ACCEPTED for and on behalf of:

CIS GAZ S.A.



Signature:

Name: CALUGAR SEBASTIAN

Date: 21 NOVEMBER 2025

Address: 686 Str Voincenilor, Comuna Santana de Mures, Romania

PUTALA STRATEGIES, LLC

November 22, 2025

TO: Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative
Attention: **IRIGC IMPEX SRL**, 14 Afluentului Street, District 1 Bucharest, Romania 010946

RE: **ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

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Fees and Billing. Our fee for this matter shall be the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per month of engagement hereunder. From these funds, the Firm may retain additional professional services, subject

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to the Client Representative's prior written consent. The first payment shall be due within ten (10) days of signing this agreement and thereafter payable within ten (10) business days of the 1st day of each month during the Term (as defined below). Subject to the Client Representative's prior written consent, we may also, from time to time, engage other advisory firms and individuals, to assist in this matter. Unless otherwise agreed, the cost of engaging other advisory firms and individuals will be in addition to the fees above. In addition to the payment of our fees, you will be responsible for costs and expenses incurred, such as charges for photocopying, messenger and delivery service, computerized research, document review platforms hosted by the Firm or third-party vendors, expert and consultant fees, travel (including airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, parking and mileage), printing, necessary secretarial overtime, filing fees, etc. Charges for items that exceed \$1,000 in any consecutive thirty (30) calendar day period will not be incurred without the prior written consent of the Client Representative. We understand that we may be instructed to issue our invoices to the Client Representative on behalf of the Client for settlement, in which case we agree that our fee shall be payable solely from funds received by the Project Coordinator from one or more of the Clients and that Project Coordinator shall have no liability or obligation to pay us unless and until it has first actually received payment from the Client(s) of the relevant sums. The Project Coordinator shall be appointed within fourteen (14) days of the signing of this Agreement.

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PUTALA STRATEGIES LLC

ROMANIAN-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE

AGREED and ACCEPTED for and on behalf of:

IRIGC IMPEX SRL

Signature: 

Name: TRAIAN POPA

Date: 11.21.2025

Address: 14 Afluentului Street, District 1 Bucharest,
Romania 010946

December 2, 2025

TO: Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative
Attention: MVN STRUCTURAL CONSULTING SRL 5 Stefan Burileanu Street, Apt 1 Sector 1,
Bucharest, Romania

RE: ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Thank you for the opportunity for PUTALA STRATEGIES LLC (the "Firm") to establish, strengthen and consolidate the strategic partnership between the United States and Romania in the field of security, encompassing, but not limited to, economic cooperation, energy security (e.g. and investment in relation to the Vertical Corridor initiative within Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans, oil & gas energy projects, refinery retrofitting and low carbon technologies), diplomatic cooperation and related areas of mutual interest, representing the Romanian-American Strategic Advancement Initiative (the "Initiative" or the "Client") in connection with the efforts to bolster economic relations between the United States and Romania.

Joint Representation. The Client and each of individual member that may sign an engagement with the Firm in relation to the Initiative (each a "Client" and together with any additional clients that may join the Client in the future, the "Clients") have engaged the Firm to represent it / them in this matter. While it presently appears that the interests of each individual Client and Romania are fully aligned with respect to this matter, the representation of multiple clients always raises the potential risk that disputes or conflicts between or among clients may arise during the engagement, which could create a potential conflict of interest. If actual conflicts or divergences of interest occur, the Firm may not be able to exercise independent professional judgment and loyalty on behalf of each of the Clients in this matter. In that event, the Firm may be required to withdraw from its representation of one or more of the Clients if the conflict cannot be resolved satisfactorily. Based on our understanding of the facts, we are unaware of any present conflict that would ethically preclude a joint representation, and we do not anticipate that any such conflict will arise in the future. Notwithstanding the present and anticipated absence of a conflict, the Firm reserves the right in the event of a future conflict to withdraw from representation of any Client and/or all of the Clients as a whole. Communications and information provided by each of you to the Firm during the joint representation in this matter will be held in confidence and will not be disclosed to others without consent. Nevertheless, you should be aware that all information we receive from each of Client relating to the matter will be fully shared with and disclosed to each of the other Clients. A request by one Client to withhold such information from the other Clients may require the Firm to withdraw from representation of the Client requesting non-disclosure, particularly if such information is material to the matter.

Principal Points of Contact. The undersigned will be primarily responsible for handling this matter, and you should feel free to contact the undersigned concerning the status of the matter and any questions you may have about the matter. We understand that a third-party designee appointed by the Initiative (the "Client Representative") will be our principal contact on behalf of the Clients. We will take direction from the Client Representative, as the context shall require, and maintain communication with such person as necessary relating to our services under this engagement. Any communications, as well as any information relating to this engagement that is received by the Firm from the Client Representative, shall be deemed to be provided by you unless and until you instruct otherwise.

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Signature: Roxana
Name: Doina
Date: Dragu

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