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# 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
Mr. Victor Vernick

2. Registration Number
7792

3. Primary Address of Registrant
1763 Columbia Rd NW, Ste 175, Washington, DC 20009

4. Name of Foreign Principal
RRico Corporate Development Company

5. Address of Foreign Principal
325 Howe St, Unit 407
Vancouver, British Columbia
CANADA V6N 3N2

6. Country/Region Represented
CANADA

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

- ☐ Government of a foreign country [1]
- ☐ 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

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.



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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.

Strategic reviews, business structuring, corporate growth, and advisory services for various enterprises.

b) Is this foreign principal:

| | |
|---|---|
| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes ☐ No ☒ |

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.

Ronald Rieder is the sole proprietor.

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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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| 11/04/2026 | Victor Vernick | Sign | /s/Victor Vernick |
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| Date | Printed Name | Signature |
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| November 4, 2026 | Victor Vernick | Victor Vernick |
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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 | 2. Registration Number |
|---|---|
| Mr. Victor Vernick | 7792 |

3. Name of Foreign Principal

RRico Corporate Development Company

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? 10/30/2026

8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

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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.

11. Prior to the date of registration[2] 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 register[3] 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 |
|---|---|---|---|

13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register[4] 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 |
|---|---|---|---|

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 |
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| 11/04/2026 | Victor Vernick | Sign | /s/Victor Vernick |
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| Date | Printed Name | Signature |
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| November 4, 2026 | Victor Vernick | Victor Vernick |
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# Appendix
# Response to Item 8

**Item 8: Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.**

Subcontractor Status: Victor is expressly considered a subcontractor working on behalf of RRico and any of RRico's designated clients. As of the effective date of this Agreement, designated clients include North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO).

Future Client Scale: If additional clients are signed under contract by RRico, mutual consideration will be made for hiring Victor to act on behalf of RRico for those new clients as they become active.

Discretion & Professionalism: The manner and means by which the Consultant chooses to complete the project are in the Consultant's sole discretion. The Consultant agrees to exercise the highest degree of professionalism.

The Consultant’s relationship with the Client will be that of an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship. The Consultant is not an authorized agent to make any representation, contract, or commitment on behalf of the Client outside the specified subcontractor scope.

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# Appendix
# Response to Item 9

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

Legislative and Regulatory Tracking
Keeping RRico and NATO informed on legislative proposals, NDAA timelines, and Executive Orders; preparing written briefs/memos upon request.

Stakeholder Mapping & Engagement
Identifying key points of contact in the US public and private defense sectors; serving as a liaison to arrange official meetings.

Federal Funding Research
Auditing and tracking federal agency grants, DoD/DoE appropriations, and Title III pipelines of strategic interest; preparing written pipeline briefs/memos upon request.

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# Strategic Advisors Agreement

**This Strategic Advisors Agreement is made as of October 30, 2026. Parties**

- **The Client:** Ronald Rieder – DBA - RRico Corporate Development Company, a British Columbia registered sole proprietor company having its office at 325 Howe Street, Unit 407, Vancouver B.C. V6N 3N2 (hereinafter "Client" or "RRico").
- **The Consultant:** Victor H. Vernick dba., VHV Enterprise, LLC, having a business address at 1763 Columbia Rd NW, Ste 175, Washington, DC, 20009, and a mailing address at 504 Seward Sq SE, Washington, DC, 20003 (hereinafter "Consultant" or "Victor").

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**1. Engagement & Subcontractor Relationship**

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Consultant will, to the best of its ability, render the services set forth in Exhibit A (the “Project”).

- **Subcontractor Status:** Victor is expressly considered a subcontractor working on behalf of RRico and any of RRico's designated clients. As of the effective date of this Agreement, designated clients include North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO).
- **Future Client Scale:** If additional clients are signed under contract by RRico, mutual consideration will be made for hiring Victor to act on behalf of RRico for those new clients as they become active.
- **Discretion & Professionalism:** The manner and means by which the Consultant chooses to complete the project are in the Consultant's sole discretion. The Consultant agrees to exercise the highest degree of professionalism.

**2. Condition Precedent & Commencement**

- **Licensing Condition:** As a strict condition of this Agreement, the contract and performance period will officially begin only when Victor successfully applies for and secures his license and registration as a recognized foreign lobbyist, as this registration constitutes the main function of his employment. No billable time or service obligations shall accrue prior to the fulfillment of this condition.

**2. Compensation & Time Allocation Standards**

**The Client will compensate the Consultant with equity options out of RRico's contract allocation as set forth in Exhibit A.**

- **Dedicated Work Allocation:** In lieu of an hourly billing rate, Victor shall dedicate a minimum of 10% of his overall professional work time directly toward performing his strategic advisory and lobbying duties for RRico and its designated client, NATO.
- **Performance Tracking:** Work time allocation and progress towards corporate goals will be documented and reviewed monthly by both parties to ensure alignment with the performance parameters in Exhibit A.

**4. Independent Consultant Relationship**

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**5. Trade Secrets, Intellectual Property, & Annex Integration**

- **Work Done for Client:** The Client will own all intellectual property rights resulting from the Consultant's services. The Client will have a fully paid-up, non-exclusive right to use all pre-existing intellectual property of the Consultant.
- **Proprietary Information:** The Consultant agrees to hold the Client's and its designated clients' Proprietary Information—including all items detailed in the Confidentiality Annex below—in strict trust and confidence. It will not be disclosed to any third party without express written consent from an authorized officer.
- **Third-Party Information:** The Consultant agrees to hold confidential third-party information received through the Client or NATO in strict confidence.
- **Exclusions:** Information received by the Consultant will not be considered Proprietary Information if it is publicly available through no breach of this agreement, rightfully received from an unrestricted third party, or independently developed.

**6. Conflict of Interest & Compliance**

The Consultant agrees during the term of this Agreement not to accept work or enter into a contract inconsistent or incompatible with obligations under this Agreement. The Consultant warrants that it possesses and will maintain all necessary registrations (including the mandatory foreign lobbyist registration referenced in Section 2) required to lawfully perform the services contemplated herein.

**7. Termination & Client Contract Dependency**

- **Client Main Contract Dependency:** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, if RRico's primary contract with North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO) is terminated, this Agreement will automatically become null, void, and no longer in effect as to its entirety.
- **Standard Termination by Client:** RRico may terminate this Agreement at its convenience without breach upon fourteen (14) days' prior written notice. RRico may terminate immediately upon a material breach of Section 5.
- **Standard Termination by Consultant:** The Consultant may terminate this Agreement at any time upon fourteen (14) days' prior written notice.
- **Immediate Right of Resignation for Regulatory and Geopolitical Risk:** Notwithstanding any standard notice periods required under this Agreement, the Consultant (Victor) shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately, with zero (0) days' prior written notice, upon the occurrence of a "Geopolitical Control Event." A "Geopolitical Control Event" is defined as any instance where North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO) enters into a financing, loan, investment, or funding agreement that results in a "control position" (whether through equity ownership, voting rights, board seats, or operational veto power) held by any individual, entity, or representative acting on behalf

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of an adversarial country, a designated foreign adversary, or any entity requiring disclosure or registration as a foreign agent under applicable domestic laws. Upon written notice by the Consultant citing this provision, this Agreement shall dissolve instantly without penalty or liability to the Consultant.

- **Non-Interference:** For twelve (12) months following termination, neither party shall solicit or induce any employee or independent contractor of the other party to terminate their relationship.
- **Return of Property:** Upon termination, the Consultant will deliver all notes, memoranda, documents, and copies containing Client Work Product or Proprietary Information.

**8. General Provisions**

- **Governing Law:** This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.
- **Severability & Assignment:** If any provision is held invalid, it shall not affect the remaining provisions. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written consent.
- **Legal Fees:** In any legal proceeding arising from a dispute over this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket costs.
- **Entire Agreement:** This document constitutes the final, complete, and exclusive agreement between the parties. Amendments must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

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**Confidentiality Annex: North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO)**

**Specific Trade Secrets & Proprietary Assets**

Pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement, the following specific technologies, processes, and corporate datasets constitute the proprietary Trade Secrets of North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO). The Consultant is required to hold these items in strict confidence and use them solely for performing authorized subcontractor duties:

| Asset Category | Specific Protected Trade Secrets & Inventions |
|---|---|
| **Material Extraction & Refining** | **Proprietary chemical and thermal processing formulas used to extract high-purity titanium from raw North American ore deposits. Specialized metallurgy techniques, alloy composition recipes, and raw material processing parameters developed to optimize physical properties.** |
| **Supply Chain & Strategic Sourcing** | **Non-public details regarding strategic domestic mine sites, lease holdings, and geographic surveying data. Unannounced sourcing partnerships, supplier pricing structures, and raw feedstock volume agreements.** |

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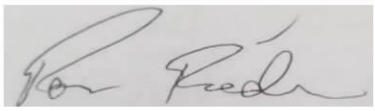
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| **Government Procurement Pipelines** | **Pre-submission drafts, structural layouts, and pricing frameworks for upcoming US Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Energy (DoE) grant proposals. Custom technological specifications prepared for Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III applications and National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) pipelines.** |
| **Corporate & Financial Assets** | **Internal financial models, production cost sheets, unannounced merger and acquisition (M&A) target lists, and unreleased quarterly operational budgets. Strategic business development roadmaps outlining targeted commercial market entries in aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing sectors.** |

**In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this Strategic Advisors Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.**

**Client:**

**RRico Corporate Development Company**

**By:**  _____

**Name: Ron Rieder**

**Title: President**
**Date: _October 25, 2026_**

**Consultant:**

**VHV Enterprise, LLC**

**By:** 

**Name: Victor H. Vernick**

**Title: Owner / Principal dba.**

**Date: _October 25 2026___**

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**Exhibit A: Project Assignment & Terms**

**Description of Services**

The Consultant will provide corporate development, tracking, and foreign lobbyist advisory services on behalf of RRico for North Atlantic Titanium Corp. (NATO), utilizing a minimum of 10% of his professional work time for these actions:

| Service Category | Description of Functional Subcontractor Activity |
|---|---|
| **Legislative and Regulatory Tracking** | **Keeping RRico and NATO informed on legislative proposals, NDAA timelines, and Executive Orders; preparing written briefs/memos upon request.** |
| **Stakeholder Mapping & Engagement** | **Identifying key points of contact in the US public and private defense sectors; serving as a liaison to arrange official meetings.** |
| **Federal Funding Research** | **Auditing and tracking federal agency grants, DoD/DoE appropriations, and Title III pipelines of strategic interest; preparing written pipeline briefs/memos upon request.** |
| **Political Risk Assessment** | **Tracking geopolitical shifts and domestic trade policies affecting critical mineral supply chains; preparing briefs/memos for client review and stakeholder strategy.** |

**Term**

**The term of this Agreement is for 180 days starting directly from the date Victor successfully secures his foreign lobbyist license and registration. Extensions may be granted upon mutual written agreement.**

**Equity Compensation & Performance Goals**

**In consideration for services rendered, equity options will be transferred directly from RRico's contract allocation under contract with NATO according to the following framework:**

| Option Tranche | Number of Options | Vesting Cost | Vesting Milestone & Performance Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | **• Time Milestone: Earned after 3 months of continuous services rendered from the contract start** |

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| | | | date (matching RRico's master vesting terms with NATO). |
| Tranche 1 | 25,000 Options | $.12 CAD | • Performance Goal: Successful validation of 10% work time allocation and delivery of at least 2 formal legislative/funding brief summaries requested by the Client. |
| Tranche 2 | 25,000 Option | $.12 CAD | • Standard Performance: 1. Demonstrate sufficient engagement with public and private sector stakeholders. 2. Complete a comprehensive 2.Stakeholder map identifying key congressional or agency procurement personnel relevant to NATO's assets. 3. Continuous maintenance of foreign lobbyist compliance throughout the term. |

***Compliance Note:*** **The transfer and issuance of these options are conditional upon obtaining all necessary corporate and regulatory approvals, including adherence to policies prescribed by the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE") and applicable securities laws.**

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