

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 <http://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 Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <http://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <http://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 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, Registration Unit, Counterespionage 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 and Address of Registrant  Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP		2. Registration No.  3492						
3. Name of Foreign Principal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Embassy of Japan	4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal 2520 Massachusetts Ave, NW Washington, DC 20008							
5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government of a foreign country <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign political party <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Committee</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Association</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____</td> </tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual-State nationality _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group	<input type="checkbox"/> Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>specify</i> ) _____
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6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:								
a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant Ministry of Foreign Affairs								
b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals Hideaki Mizukoshi, Minister, Head of Chancery								
7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:								
a) Principal address								
b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals								
c) Principal aim								

<sup>1</sup> "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.

8. 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:

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

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

10. 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, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and 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 of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
May 16, 2014	Melissa L. Laurenza, Senior Political Law Counsel	/s/ Melissa L. Laurenza

eSigned

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
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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 <http://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant  Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	2. Registration No.  3492
3. Name of Foreign Principal  Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	

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. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.  
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8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

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9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? 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.

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**EXECUTION**

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Date of Exhibit B	Name and Title	Signature
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Footnote: "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.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

This contract is between the Embassy of Japan in the United States acting on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MOFA") and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ("Akin Gump"). Akin Gump shall provide MOFA legal services as follows:

**Article 1. Scope of Engagement**

Akin Gump is being retained to advise MOFA in connection with securing U.S. Support for the development of a Magnetic Levitation "Maglev" train system in the Northeast Corridor between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore as well as for Japanese technology for Maglev. Specifically, Akin Gump will provide MOFA with strategic advice and will assist MOFA with communicating its position to Members of Congress and Department of Transportation and other U.S. executive branch officials.

Consistent with Akin Gump's internal policies, as well as with the accepted norms of professional conduct in the legal profession, Akin Gump will maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all information it receives from MOFA during its representation as well as after the termination of this engagement. Akin Gump will return, discard or delete any media or a relevant part thereof which contains information provided by MOFA, when requested, in a manner which maintains the confidentiality of such information (e.g., shred documents).

This engagement will be effective as of the date of signing and will terminate on 31 March 2015. Either party has the right to terminate this engagement at any time during the period of engagement, with or without cause, by giving one month written notice to the other party. In case of such termination, Akin Gump will only bill the expenses incurred for the services rendered up to the date of termination.

**Article 2. Authorization of Activities**

All activities that Akin Gump undertakes on behalf of MOFA will be only at its specific direction and authorization or upon the direction and authorization of such representatives as it designates. Akin Gump expects that directions, enquiries and questions from MOFA will come in the form of e-mails, facsimile, letters, phone calls and such other forms. Akin Gump will respond to such directions, enquiries and questions, as promptly as possible, consistent with the complexity of the issues raised and depending on the nature of the assignment.

Akin Gump will notify MOFA of the contact information for each of its responsible attorneys. MOFA will notify Akin Gump of the names and contact information for its designated persons.

**Article 3. Fees for Services Rendered**

The contract will take effect on the date of execution and shall terminate on 31 March 2015. Akin Gump will bill MOFA a fixed fee of \$2,000 per month for services rendered effective May 1, 2014 regardless of the date upon which MOFA executes this agreement.

**Article 4. Expenses**

Telephone, copying, postage, express mail, facsimile, electronic research and messenger charges will be included in the fixed fee. Expenses other than those mentioned above, e.g., travel expenses, will only be incurred by Akin Gump upon approval by MOFA in advance.

**Article 5. Monthly Billing**

Akin Gump will submit to MOFA a monthly billing statement for services rendered. Akin Gump requests that statements be paid within 30 days. Akin Gump will send its invoices to the individual or office designated by MOFA.

**Article 6. Conflicts**

Akin Gump confirms to MOFA that there are no conflicts in relation to this matter.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

EMBASSY OF JAPAN

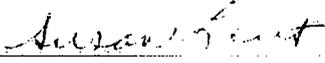
AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

By: 

Hideaki Mizukoshi

Minister, Head of Chancery

Date: 05/12/2014

By: 

Susan Lent

Partner

Date: 5/12/14