

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 Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 1320 Main Street, 17th Floor Columbia, SC 29201	2. Registration No.  5928
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3. Name of Foreign Principal The Honorable Dr. Jean Ping	4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal Libreville, Gabon
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5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- Government of a foreign country<sup>1</sup>
- 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 Gabonese

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

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

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

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.

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.

Dr. Jean Ping is a candidate running for President of the Gabonese Republic

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
July 08, 2016	Craig H. Metz, Partner	/s/ Craig H. Metz

eSigned

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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 <http://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant  Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	2. Registration No.  5928
3. Name of Foreign Principal  The Honorable Dr. Jean Ping	

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.  
Registrant proposes to counsel the Foreign Presidential Candidate on his relations with the United States Government, non-governmental organizations, and the press.

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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.

Assist in efforts to ensure free and fair presidential elections in August 2016 in Gabon. Engage in a government relations strategy aimed at promoting democracy and transparency in the forthcoming election.

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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.

Our efforts on behalf of the foreign principal may include outreach to U.S. government officials, non-governmental organizations, and the press to advance the interests of the foreign principal in promoting democracy and transparency in the forthcoming Gabonese elections.

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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 B 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 B	Name and Title	Signature
July 08, 2016	Craig H. Metz, Partner	/s/ Craig H. Metz <span style="float: right;">eSigned</span>

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.

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June 23, 2016

The Honorable Dr. Jean Ping  
Candidate for President of the Gabonese Republic  
Libreville, Gabon

Re: Engagement of Nelson Mullins LLP

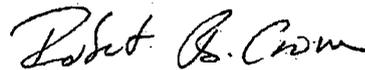
Dear Dr. Ping:

By your countersignature on this letter, you have agreed that you have retained Nelson Mullins LLP to represent you in assisting with your efforts to ensure free and fair presidential elections in August 2016 in Gabon. Previous elections have been marred with irregularities and controversy, and our Firm will engage in a government relations strategy aimed at promoting democracy and transparency in the forthcoming election.

We understand that at this time you may not have sufficient funds to pay our fees for these important services. During this engagement, we will invoice you a monthly retainer fee of \$50,000 for July 2016 and August 2016. However, we will not seek payment unless you obtain sufficient funds to pay them.

If you have any questions about these terms or would like to discuss them, please communicate them to me or to your representatives in the U.S. as soon as possible so as not to impede our commencing this critical work on behalf of Gabon. In the event that these terms are agreeable to you, please sign below and send back to me this letter of engagement. We are excited about working with you.

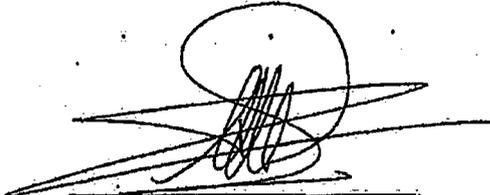
Sincerely,



Robert B. Crowe, Esq.

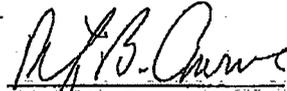
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Dr. Jean Ping / P. O. FRANK PING

June 24, 2016  
Date



Robert B. Crowe, Esq.

June 27, 2016  
Date