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Notice of Representation Pursuant to Rule 8(b), 17 C.F.R. 200.735-8(b)

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This statement is filed in compliance with the Commission's notice of representation requirement.

I was the Deputy Director of the Division of Enforcement and resigned, effective June 17, 2008, to become a partner at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. This is to advise you that I have been retained to represent (b)(7)(C) in connection with an inquiry by the Division of Enforcement related to SEC v. Hazem Khalid Al Braikan, et al., 09 Civ. 6533 (S.D.N.Y., filed July 27, 2009). The (b)(7)(C) responsible for the matter is (b)(7)(C). The (b)(7)(C) responsible for the matter is (b)(7)(C). The Branch Chief responsible for the matter is (b)(7)(C). The Senior Counsel responsible for the matter is (b)(7)(C). The litigators responsible for the matter are (b)(7)(C). In the course of my representation of the client, it is contemplated that I will appear before or communicate with, the Commission

Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary

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or the staff of various offices of the Commission by telephone, correspondence, or otherwise.

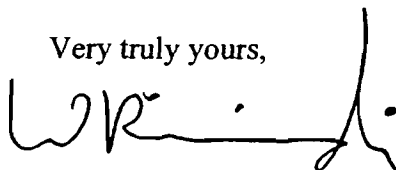
While an employee of the Commission, to the best of my recollection, I did not have official responsibility for, nor did I participate personally or substantially in, any matter involving the above-referenced inquiry.

Because my participation in this matter may continue for an indefinite period involving more than one communication with, or appearance before, the Commission or its staff, this statement is intended to cover all my appearances and communications that relate directly to the staff's above-referenced investigation.

In addition, I request confidential treatment for this letter because it refers to an ongoing nonpublic investigation.

See Rule 8-4c, 17 C.F.R. 200.735-8(d)(3).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WR Ricciardi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walter G. Ricciardi

cc: SEC Office of the Ethics Counsel