Agreement between the Government of The State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter: the "Contracting Parties"),

DESIRING to intensify economic cooperation to the mutual benefit of both countries;

INTENDING to create favourable conditions for greater investments by investors of either Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party: and

RECOGNIZING that the reciprocal promotion and protection of investments on the basis of the present Agreement will be conductive to the stimulation of individual business initiatives and will increase prosperity in both Countries,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1. Definitions

1. For the purposes of the present Agreement:

(a) Investment shall mean any kind of assets, implemented in accordance with

The legislation of the Contracting Party in whose territory the investment is

Made including, but not limited to:

(1) movable and immovable property, as well as any other rights in rem, such as mortgages, liens and pledges;

(2) rights derived from stocks, shares, bonds, debentures and other kinds of interests in legal entities;

(3) claims to money, goodwill and other assets and any claim having an economic value;

(4) rights in the field of intellectual property, including, inter alia, patents, trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs, technical processes, copyrights and related rights, undisclosed business information, trade secrets and know-how, topographies of integrated circuits and plant-breeders rights;

(5) business concessions conferred by legislation or under contract, including concessions to search for, cultivate, extract or exploit natural resources.

(6) for the avoidance of doubt, investment does not include;

a. public debt operations;

b. claims to money arising solely from:

i. Commercial contracts for the sale of goods and services by a national or a legal entity in the territory of a Home Contracting Party to a national or a legal entity in the territory of the Host Contracting Party; or

ii. Credits granted in relation with a commercial transaction.

(7) The provisions of this Agreement relating to investments shall apply to the reinvestment of the returns of an investment, which shall be granted the same treatment granted to the original investment, if the reinvestment is effected in accordance with the legislation of the Host Contracting Party. A change in the form of the investment or a change in the form of the reinvestment shall not affect their character as investments within the meaning of this Agreement if the change is effected

in accordance with the legislation of the Host Contracting Party.

(b) Host Contracting Party shall mean the Contracting Party in whose territory the investment is made, and the term Home Contracting Party shall mean, in relation to that investment, the other Contracting Party.

(c) Returns shall mean the amount yielded by an investment including, but not limited to: dividends, profits, sums received from the total or partial liquidation of an investment, interest, capital gains, royalties or fees.

(d) Investor shall mean:

(1) (i) with respect to the State of Israel: a natural person who is a

National or permanent resident of the State of Israel who is not also a national of Myanmar;

(ii) with respect to Myanmar: a natural person who is a national of Myanmar in accordance with its laws and regulations who is not also a national or permanent resident of the State of Israel;

(2) a legal entity, including a corporation, a firm, an association or a partnership-

(i) that was incorporated, constituted or otherwise duly organized under the legislation of the Home Contracting Party; or

(ii) that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by persons who are nationals or permanent residents of the Home Contracting Party, and it fulfils one of the following conditions:

(A) its registered office, centre of management, or practical management is located in the territory of either Contracting Party;

(B) a substantial part of its economic activity is located in the territory of either Contracting Party;

(C) it was incorporated, constituted or otherwise duly organized under the legislation of the Host Contracting Party.

(e) The term territory shall mean:

(1) with respect to the State of Israel: the territory of the State of Israel including the territorial sea, as well as the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone over which the State of Israel exercises sovereign rights or jurisdiction in conformity with international law and in accordance with the laws of the State of Israel.

(2) with respect to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar: the territory of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall be the land, sea and air space which constitute its territory, as has been recognized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

(f) Freely usable currency shall mean any currency that the International Monetary Fund determines, from time to time, as a freely usable currency in accordance with the Articles of the Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and Amendments thereto.

(g) Legislation of a Contracting Party shall mean the laws and regulations of that Contracting Party and the right to exercise the administrative powers conferred by those laws and regulations.

Article 2. Promotion and Protection of Investments

Each Contracting Party shall, in its territory, encourage and create favourable conditions for investments by investors of the other Contracting Party and, subject to its legislation, shall admit such investments.

Investments made by investors of each Contracting Party shall be accorded fair and equitable treatment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and shall enjoy full protection and security in the territory of the other Contracting Party. Neither Contracting Party shall in any way impair by unreasonable measures the management, maintenance, use, enjoyment or disposal of investments in its territory of investors of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3. Most Favored Nation and National Treatment

Neither Contracting Party shall, in its territory, subject investments or returns of investments of investors of the other Contracting Party, to treatment less favourable than that which it accords to investments or returns of investments of an investor of any third state or, subject to its legislation, to treatment less favourable than that which it accords to investments or returns of investments of its own investors.

Neither Contracting Party shall, in its territory, subject investors of the other Contracting Party, as regards their management, maintenance, use, enjoyment or disposal of their investments, to treatment less favourable than that which it accords to investors of any third state or, subject to its legislation than that which it accords to its own investors.

For the sake of avoiding any misunderstanding, it is further clarified that the treatment referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to definitions, nor to mechanisms for dispute settlement between one Contracting Party and an Investor of the other Contracting Party, or to any other matter not specifically mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 4. Compensation for Losses

Investors of the Home Contracting Party whose investments in the territory of the Host Contracting Party suffer losses owing to war or other armed conflict, revolution, a state of national emergency, revolt, insurrection, riot or other such similar activity in the territory of the Host Contracting Party, shall be accorded by the Host Contracting Party treatment, as regards restitution, indemnification, compensation or other settlement, not less favourable than that which the Host Contracting Party accords to its own investors or to investors of any third state. Resulting payments shall be freely transferable.

Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of this Article, investors of the Home Contracting Party who suffer losses in the territory of the Host Contracting Party, resulting from:

(a) Requisitioning of their property by its forces or authorities, or

(b) Destruction of their property by its forces or authorities, which was not caused in combat action or was not required by the necessity of the situation,

Shall be accorded restitution or adequate compensation. Resulting payments shall be freely transferable.

Article 5. Expropriation

Investments of investors of the Home Contracting Party shall not be nationalized, expropriated or subjected to measures having effect equivalent to nationalization or expropriation (hereinafter: expropriation) in the territory of the Host Contracting Party, except for a public purpose related to the internal needs of the Host Contracting Party, and in accordance with the following terms:

(a) The expropriation shall be made in accordance with the laws of the Host Contracting Party, on a non-discriminatory basis and against prompt, adequate and effective compensation not less favourable than that accorded to the investors of the Host Contracting Party. Resulting payments shall be freely transferable.

(b) Such compensation shall amount to the market value of the investment expropriated immediately before the expropriation or before the impending expropriation became public knowledge, whichever is the earlier, shall include interest at the applicable rate provided by law of that Contracting Party until the date of payment, shall be made without delay, be effectively realizable and be freely transferable.

(c) The investors affected shall have a right, under the law of the Contracting Party making the expropriation, to prompt review, by a judicial or other independent authority of that Contracting Party, of the legality of the expropriation and of the valuation of their investment, in accordance with the principles set out in this Article.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, with respect to intellectual property rights, the Contracting Parties may permit the unauthorized use of an intellectual property right, provided such authorization is made in conformance with the principles set forth in the Agreement of Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Article 6.

Transfer of Investments and Returns

Each Contracting Party shall, in respect of investments, guarantee to investors of

The other Contracting Party the rights of unrestricted transfer of their investments

And returns in accordance with the following terms:

(i) Transfers shall be effected without delay in the freely usable currency in which the capital was originally invested or in any other freely usable currency agreed by the investor and the Host Contracting Party, provided that the investor has complied

with all his fiscal and other financial obligations to government or local authorities of the Host Contracting Party.

(ii) Unless otherwise agreed by the investor, transfers shall be made at the rate of exchange applicable on the basis of transfer pursuant to the exchange regulations in force in the Host Contracting Party.

(iii) In any case, transfers shall be in terms not less favourable than that accorded by the Host Contracting Party to its own investors.

Notwithstanding the forgoing:

(i) When a Contracting Party is in serious balance of payments difficulties or in serious difficulties for the operation of the exchange rate policy or monetary policy, or under threat thereof, that Contracting Party may, in conformity with the conditions laid down within the framework of the GATT and with Articles VIII and XIV of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, adopt restrictive measures which may not go beyond what is necessary to remedy the situation, for a period not exceeding six (6) months. The Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party, as soon as possible, as to the measures taken, and the expected timetable for their removal.

(ii) Such measures shall be equitable, non - discriminatory, and in good faith.

Article 7. Exceptions

Either Contracting Party may take measures strictly necessary for the maintenance or protection of its essential security interests. Such measures shall be taken and

Implemented in good faith, in a non-discriminatory manner and so as to minimize the deviation from the provisions of this Agreement.

The provisions of this Agreement relative to the granting of treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the investors and investments of investors of either Contracting Party or of any third state shall not be construed so as to oblige one Contracting Party to extend to the investors and investments of investors of the other Contracting Party, the benefit of any treatment, preference or privilege resulting from:

(i) any international agreement or arrangement relating wholly or mainly to taxation or any domestic legislation relating wholly or mainly to taxation;

(ii) any existing or future customs union, free trade area agreement or similar international agreement, to which either Contracting Party is or will be Party, within the meaning of customs union or free trade agreement in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT Agreement;

(iii) any existing or future bilateral or multilateral agreement concerning intellectual property;

(iv) any Agreement for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments between Israel and a third state, that was signed before 1 st of July, 2003.

Article 8.

Settlement of Investment Disputes between a Contracting Party and an Investor

Any investment dispute between a Contracting Party and an investor of the other Contracting Party shall be settled by negotiations.

If a dispute under paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be settled within six (6) months of a written notification of this dispute, it shall be on the request of the investor settled as follows:

(a) By a competent court of the Host Contracting Party; or

(b) By conciliation; or

(c) By arbitration by the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), established by the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States, opened for signature at Washington, D.

C. on march 18, 1965 (hereinafter: ICSID Convention), provided that both Contracting Parties are Parties to the Convention; or

(d) By arbitration under the Additional Facility Rules of ICSID, provided that only one of the Contracting Parties is a Party to the ICSID Convention; or

(e) By an ad hoc arbitration tribunal, which is to be established under the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as revised in 2010. Unless otherwise agreed, all submissions shall be made and all hearings shall be completed within six (6) months of the date of selection of the Chairman, and the arbitral panel shall render its written and reasoned decisions within two (2) months of the date of the final submissions or the date of the closing of the hearings, whichever is later.

(f) Articles 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) shall not apply to disputes between a Host Contracting Party and any legal entity qualifying as an Investor of a Home Contracting Party, that is owned or controlled by a natural person or legal entity of the Host Contracting Party.

Each Contracting Party hereby gives its unconditional consent to the submission of a dispute to international arbitration in accordance with the provisions of this Article. This consent and the submission by a disputing investor of a claim to arbitration shall satisfy the requirements of:

(a) Chapter II of the ICSID Convention or the Additional Facility Rules of ICSID for written consent of the parties;

(b) Article II of the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, 1958 (The New York Convention) for an agreement in writing.

4. Unless otherwise agreed, an investor who has submitted the dispute to national jurisdiction may have recourse to the arbitral tribunals mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article so long as a judgment has not been delivered on the subject matter of the dispute by a national court.

5. All arbitrators shall be nationals of states having diplomatic relations with both Contracting Parties.

6. The award shall be final and binding. Each Contracting Party shall carry out without delay the provisions of any such award and provide in its territory for the enforcement of such award.

Article 9. Disputes between the Contracting Parties

Disputes between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement, should be settled through diplomatic channels,

Which may include, if both Contracting Parties so desire, referral to the Joint Committee on Investments as per Article 15, composed of representatives of both Contracting Parties or to conciliation.

If a dispute according to paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be settled within six (6) months from notification of this dispute it may, upon the request of either Contracting Party, be submitted to an arbitral tribunal.

Such an arbitral tribunal shall be constituted for each case in the following way: within two (2) months of the receipt of the request for arbitration, each Contracting Party shall appoint one member of the tribunal. The two arbitrators shall then select a national of a third state on approval of the two Contracting Parties, and this person shall be Chairman of the tribunal. The Chairman shall be appointed within two (2) months from the date of appointment of the other two members. All arbitrators shall be nationals of states having diplomatic relations with both Contracting Parties.

If, within the periods specified in paragraph 3 of this Article, the necessary appointments have not been made, either Contracting Party may, in the absence of any other agreement, invite the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague (hereinafter; the PCA) to make any necessary appointments. If the Secretary General of the PCA is a national of either Contracting Party or is otherwise prevented from discharging the said function, then the Deputy Secretary General of the PCA who is not a national of either Contracting Party shall be invited to make the necessary appointments. All arbitrators shall be nationals of states having diplomatic relations with both Contracting Parties.

Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the UNCITRAL arbitration rules as revised in 2010. Unless otherwise agreed, all submissions shall be made and all hearings shall be completed within six (6) months of the date of selection of the Chairman, and the arbitral panel shall render its written and reasoned decisions within two (2) months of the date of the final submissions or the date of the closing of the hearings, whichever is later.

The arbitral tribunal shall reach its decision by a majority vote. Such decision shall be binding on both Contracting Parties.

Each Contracting Party shall bear the cost of its own member of the tribunal and of its representation in the arbitral proceedings. The cost of the Chairman and the remaining costs shall be borne in equal parts by the Contracting Parties.

Article 10. Insurance and Guarantee

In any proceeding involving an investment dispute, a Contracting Party shall not assert, as a defence, counterclaim, right of set-off or any other reason, that indemnification or other compensation for all or part of the alleged damages has been received or will be received pursuant to an insurance or guarantee contract.

Article 11. Subrogation

1. If a Home Contracting Party or its designated Agency makes a payment under an indemnity given in respect of an investment in the territory of the Host Contracting Party, the Host Contracting Party shall recognize:

(a) The assignment to the Home Contracting Party by legislation or by legal transaction of all the rights and claims of the party indemnified; and

(b) That the Home Contracting Party is entitled to exercise such rights and enforce such claims by virtue of subrogation, to the same extent as the party indemnified, and shall assume the obligations related to the investment.

2. The Home Contracting Party shall be entitled in all circumstances to:

(a) the same treatment in respect of rights, claims and obligations acquired by it, by virtue of the assignment; and

(b) any payments received in pursuance of those rights and claims, as the party indemnified was entitled to receive by virtue of this Agreement, in respect of the investment concerned and its related returns.

Article 12. Executive and Boards of Directors

1. Neither Contracting Party may require that a legal entity that is an investment of an investor of the other Contracting Party appoint to executive positions individuals of any particular nationality.

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, a Host Contracting Party may require that a majority or less of the board of directors, or any committee thereof, of a legal entity that is an investment of an investor of the home contracting party be a national of the Host Contracting Party, or a resident in the territory of the Host Contracting Party, provided that the requirement does not materially impair the ability of the investor to exercise control over its investment.

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3. For greater certainty, executive positions are positions of persons in senior management who primarily direct the management of the organizations, establish its goals and generally have a wide decision making authority.

Article 13. Application of other Rules

If the provisions of legislation of either Contracting Party or obligations under international law existing at present or established hereafter between the Contracting Parties in addition to the present Agreement contain rules, whether general or specific, entitling investors or investments of investors of one Contracting Party to a treatment /-v more favorable than is provided for by this Agreement, such rules shall, to the extent that they are more favorable, prevail over the present Agreement.

Article 14. Application of the Agreement

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to investments made upon or before the entry into force of this Agreement, but shall not apply to an investment subject to a dispute which has arisen before the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 15. Joint Committee on Investments

1. The Contracting Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee on Investments (hereinafter: the Committee), comprising representatives of each Contracting Party and headed by senior officials of each Contracting Party.

2. Unless otherwise agreed by the Contracting Parties, the Committee shall meet on the request of either Contracting Party or within two years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement and every two years thereafter, whichever is earlier.

3. The Committee's functions shall include:

a. a general review of this Agreement with a view to furthering its objectives;

b. review the possibility of further facilitation of investments between the Contracting Parties;

c. evaluation of the results obtained from the application of this Agreement; and

d. consideration of any other matters of interest relating to this Agreement.

Article 16. Entry Into Force

Each Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of its internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latter notification.

Article 17. Duration and Termination

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of ten (10) years. Thereafter it shall remain in force until the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date on which either Contracting Party shall have given to the other, through the diplomatic channels, written notice of termination. In respect of investments made while this Agreement is in force, its provisions shall continue in effect with respect to such investment for a period of ten (10) years after the date of termination and without prejudice to the application thereafter of the rules of general international law.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in^^*^-this --day of <^^^-2014, which corresponds to the

--------day of in the year 5775 of the Hebrew Calendar, in two original

Copies, each in the Hebrew language, Myanmar language and English language, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the State of Israel:

For the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar: