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Laos Branch Office Invoice

Our Client's name

Our Client's address

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019

Company Reg. No.: 201623711R

Invoice No: 2019 - 10 - 003p

Professional services for Laos Branch Office (without travel)	Notes	Year 1 US\$	Year 2 US\$
Laos branch registration fees (without travel)	1.	9,500	500
Branch legal registered office fees	2.	1,800	1,800
Laos corporate bank account opening fees (without travel)	3.	4,950	0
Estimated Laos Government registration fees	4.	1,100	500
Project management fees for a 6 months engagement	5.	9,750	0
Tax and VAT registration fees	6.	950	0
Estimate of annual accounting and tax fees	7.	0	2,400
Total Healy Consultants Group PLC fees payable this month	8.	28,050	0
Estimate of Healy Consultants Group PLC fees payable after 12 months	9.		5,200

Note: this invoice needs to be tailored for each Client. The above services and fees represent the average requirements of our Clients. I recommend you carefully read the notes below to confirm and understand all services required by your Firm, eliminating the risk of unwanted fee surprises during the engagement;

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Notes to invoice above

 Healy Consultants Group PLC fees to efficiently and effectively complete Laos branch registration within ten weeks by i) choosing the optimum regulatory license for our Client's business activities; ii) reserving a name with the Laos <u>Ministry of Industry and Commerce</u>; iii) settling our accountant and lawyer fees; and iv) preparing a high quality branch registration application for the Laos <u>Ministry of Industry and Commerce</u>;

All <u>engagement fees</u> (click link) are agreed and paid up front and agree to the fees published on our country web pages. Consequently, there are no hidden fees, surprises or ambushes throughout the engagement. All engagement deadlines are agreed up front in the form of a <u>detailed project plan</u>, mapping out <u>deliverables</u> by week throughout the engagement term;



Every week during the engagement, Healy Consultants Group PLC will email our Client a <u>detailed status</u> <u>update</u>. Our Client is immediately informed of engagement problems together with solutions. Your dedicated engagement manager is reachable by phone, Skype, live chat and email and will communicate in your preferred language;

- 2. In accordance with Laos law, an branch of a foreign company shall as from the date of its registration have a legal registered office in Laos, to which all official government communications and notices may be addressed. To comply with this statutory requirement, Healy Consultants Group PLC' Laos office will be the registered office address for your branch. Thereafter, this address will be used to receive government correspondence including i) tax letters; ii) notice of the legal annual return; and iii) all government communications. Most of our Clients wish to place <u>Healy Consultants Group PLC's office address</u> on invoices, contracts, websites and business cards;
- 3. Healy Consultants Group PLC will be pleased to open a Laos corporate bank account without our Client travel. It is a time consuming task, and Healy Consultants Group PLC will shelter our Client from the associated administrative challenges. As you can appreciate, it is a difficult task to obtain bank account approval through a newly formed branch when shareholders, directors and bank signatories reside overseas. Depending on our Client's business and nationality, there is a 20% probability the banks will request a bank signatory to travel for a one-hour bank interview. Healy Consultants Group PLC will try its best to negotiate with the bank for a travel exemption. If our Client must travel to Laos for corporate bank account opening, Healy Consultants Group PLC will refund our Client US\$950;

If our Client is not comfortable with only a Laos corporate bank account, Healy Consultants Group PLC will be pleased to open <u>an international corporate bank account</u> (click link) outside of Laos. Examples include New York, Germany, Liechtenstein, Austria, Bulgaria, South Africa, Australia, London, South America or Dubai. All banks will be top tier banks in these countries with excellent internet banking services. Example of our global banking partners include HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank, Citibank, Barclays, Standard bank, ANZ bank, VTB bank, UBS, Credit Suisse;

Healy Consultants Group PLC will prepare a business plan for the bank to optimize the probability of corporate bank account approval. However, the banks enjoy ultimate power of approval of corporate bank account applications. Consequently, guaranteed success is outside of Healy Consultants Group PLC's control. What is inside our control is the preparation and submission of a high-quality bank application that maximizes the likelihood of approval. To date, we enjoy a 100% approval record because of <u>our global banking relationships</u> and determination;

Global banks continue to tighten corporate bank account opening procedures, their internal compliance departments completing more thorough due diligence of Clients. Consequently, our Clients should expect

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the bank account approval period to take up at least 4 weeks. Furthermore, global banks now require evidence of proof of business in the country where the corporate bank account will be, including sales contracts or lease agreement;







- 4. This fee is an estimate of government costs payable during your Firm's engagement. For transparency purposes, all government fee payments will be supported by original receipts and invoices. Examples of government costs include i) foreign company name reservation fee; ii) branch registration and foreign investment certificates issuance fees; iii) tax registration certificate issuance fee; iv) operating license application fee; v) branch signage registration fee (if required); and vi) foreign company seal registration fees. Following engagement completion, Healy Consultants Group PLC will refund our Client any excess of funds received over actual Government costs paid;
- 5. This cost includes Healy Consultants Group PLC fees to thoroughly research and plan Laos business set up for our Client including i) payment of retainer fees to multiple lawyers, accountants and other consulting firms; ii) preparation of a detailed project plan with timelines; iii) time taken to determine the optimum Laos corporate structure, including preparation of a detailed comparison table of entities; iv) ascertain the specific accounting, tax, legal and compliance considerations; and v) finding solutions to <u>challenges that occur</u> throughout the engagement;

This cost also includes Healy Consultants Group PLC's fees to efficiently and effectively project manage and timely complete our Client's engagement including i) collating and supervising the legalisation and attestation of all documents; ii) weekly detailed engagement status updates to our Client; iii) weekly Friday conference call; and iv) finding solutions to unexpected challenges throughout the engagement;

Healy Consultants Group PLC's project management fees also include the time taken to devise the strategies as to how to i) minimise the engagement period; ii) complete the engagement without our Client travelling; iii) avoid the need for a Laos shareholder; iv) minimise tax using a Laos freezone (when applicable); and v) avoid the need for a specific regulatory license;

Registration of a branch in Laos is a long and complicated process for foreign investors. Healy Consultants Group PLC will liaise with multiple independent lawyers and accounting firms to ensure that i) your Firm complies with Laos commercial regulations; ii) your Firm's interests are well protected; and iii) your Firm enjoys all possible tax benefits;

6. In accordance with Laos regulations, all Laos companies (including foreign incorporated ones) must register for corporate tax and VAT at the <u>Tax Department of the Laos Ministry of Finance;</u>

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7. For an active trading branch, these <u>accounting and tax</u> fees are an estimate of Healy Consultants Group PLC fees to efficiently and effectively discharge annual accounting and tax obligations. Following receipt of a set of draft accounting numbers from your branch, Healy Consultants Group PLC will more accurately advise accounting and tax fees. For a dormant branch, Healy Consultants Group PLC fees are only US\$950;



- 8. All fees quoted in this invoice correspond to fees quoted <u>on Healy Consultants Group PLC's website</u>. Please review this invoice carefully to identify errors. During the rush of the business day, it is possible that Healy Consultants Group PLC inadvertently made fee calculation errors, typing errors or omitted services or omitted historic fee payments from Clients. In the unfortunate event you identify invoice errors, please revert to me directly re the same. I apologize in advance if I or my staff made invoice errors;
- 9. Assuming our Clients re-engage Healy Consultants Group PLC in year 2, this fee is an estimate of the fees payable next year, 12 months after the date of branch registration;
- 10. The fees quoted in this invoice are a prediction of the fees required to efficiently and effectively complete this engagement in a timely manner. If during the engagement Healy Consultants Group PLC realizes that the project is more complex than anticipated, requiring a large additional investment of time, my Firm will revert to request additional fees;
- 11. Branches of foreign companies are not yet fully regulated in Laos so there will be uncertainty on the activities they are allowed to perform, with the risk they are limited to only the activities of their foreign head office and the authorities required the parent company to have a paid up share capital of at least US\$125,000. A branch can i) lease office premises; ii) issue sales invoice to Clients; and iii) sign local legal contracts. A branch can import and export goods;
- 12. Engage Healy Consultants Group PLC to project manage business set up in every country on the planet. We are the best in the world at what we do, timely completing the A to Z of every country engagement;
- 13. In accordance with Laos Company Law, a minimum deposit of US\$125,000 must be injected to the branch's corporate bank account before registration. To optimize engagement efficiency and minimize delays, Healy Consultants Group PLC is happy to deposit these funds on behalf of our clients;
- 14. In accordance with the Laos laws, the authorities can require each Laos branch to have at least one individual country representative ordinarily resident in Laos. If required, Healy Consultants Group PLC will be pleased to provide your firm with a professional nominee representative in Laos. Our fee amounts to US\$6,600 per annum;
- 15. Depending on our Client's business and nationality, the Laos Government may require a special regulatory license to carry on your business in the country. Healy Consultants Group PLC will assist our Client secure license approval; there may be additional engagement fees. However, the Government enjoys ultimate power of approval of branch registration and business licenses;
- 16. Some of our Clients request Healy Consultants Group PLC to provide temporary shared <u>office space</u> for 6 months until their preferred business premises is found. If your Firm requires this service, our one-time fee is US\$950. Monthly rental thereafter is paid directly to the landlord, independently of Healy Consultants Group PLC;

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17. If our Client and Healy Consultants Group PLC properly plan this engagement, our Clients' will <u>not</u> have to travel during this engagement. Healy Consultants Group PLC will efficiently complete branch registration and corporate bank account opening in a timely manner without our Client presence. Instead, our Client will need to i) sign and get documents legalized in the embassy in their country of origin; and ii) courier the originals to Healy Consultants Group PLC office;



- 18. If required, Healy Consultants Group PLC will be pleased to assist your Firm to secure employee visa approvals. Our fee is US\$2,950 for the first employee, US\$1,950 for the second employee, US\$950 per employee thereafter. Our employee visa fees includes preparation of a quality visa application and submitting to the correct Government immigration officers. The Government enjoys ultimate power of approval of visa applications. Consequently, guaranteed success is outside of Healy Consultants Group PLC' control. What is inside our control is the preparation and submission of a high quality visa application that maximizes the likelihood of visa approval;
- 19. Monthly, quarterly and mid-year Government tax obligations include monthly and quarterly payroll reporting, VAT and corporate income tax return filing. If you need our help, Healy Consultants Group PLC can complete monthly Government reporting for a monthly fee of US\$860. Healy Consultants Group PLC monthly support will include i) receive in dropbox the monthly invoices from our Client; ii) label monthly bank statement transactions; iii) preparation and submission of VAT returns; and iv) submission of monthly employee payroll reporting;
- 20. It is important our Clients are aware of their personal and corporate tax obligations in their country of residence and domicile. Let us know if you need Healy Consultants Group PLC help to clarify your local and international annual tax reporting obligations;
- 21. During the engagement, shareholders and directors' documents may need to be translated into the local language; before the Government and Bank approves branch registration and corporate bank account opening respectively. Consequently, our Client should budget for possible additional translation and embassy attestation fees. Either our Client or Healy Consultants Group PLC can complete this administrative task;

As always, Healy Consultants Group PLC will negotiate with all third parties to eliminate or reduce additional engagement costs. For transparency purposes, all third-party fee payments will be supported by original receipts and invoices. Examples of possible third-party payments include i) embassy fees; ii) notary public costs; and iii) official translator fees;

- 22. As stipulated on our <u>business website</u> and in section 3 of our engagement letter, Healy Consultants Group PLC will only commence the engagement following i) settlement of our fees; and ii) completion and signing of our legal engagement letter;
- 23. Healy Consultants Group PLC will only incorporate your company after 75% of <u>due diligence</u> <u>documentation</u> is received by email. Healy Consultants Group PLC will only open a corporate bank account after 100% of the Client's original due diligence documentation is received by courier;
- 24. During the annual renewal engagement with our Client, our in-house <u>Legal and Compliance Department</u> reviews the quality and completeness of our Client file. Consequently, Healy Consultants Group PLC may revert to our Client to ask for more up to date <u>due diligence documentation</u>;

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- 25. Some of our Clients require an <u>immediate country solution</u>. With this strategy, within a day Healy Consultants Group PLC can supply our Client i) an existing dormant Laos company number; ii) an already approved Laos corporate bank account number; and iii) a business address. Turnkey solutions are attractive to those entrepreneurs who wish to immediately close a country deal, sign a contract or invoice a customer;
- 26. To assist our Clients to minimize foreign exchange costs, we offer the payment in SG\$, Euro, Pounds or US\$. Kindly let me know in which currency your Firm prefers to settle our fees and I will send an updated invoice, thank you;
- 27. Some of our Clients engage Healy Consultants Group PLC to recruit local employees. We have a lot of experience in this area and we are quite skilled at securing quality candidates for our Clients;

Thank you for your business and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming weeks as we project manage (click link) your Laos business set up engagement.

Best regards,

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