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# Ivory Coast Representative Office Invoice

Client to provide Company Reg. No.: 921530

Address to be provided

Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 Invoice No: 2016 – 10 – 003p

Professional services for <u>Ivory Coast</u> RO(without travel)	Notes	Year 1 US\$	Year 2 US\$
Ivory Coast RO formation fees (without travel)	1.	10,790	0
Representative secretary and legal registered office fees	2.	3,100	3,100
Estimated Ivory Coast Government License registration fees	3.	2,500	1,500
Ivory Coast corporate bank account opening fees (without travel)	4.	4,950	0
Tax and VAT registration fees	5.	750	0
Estimate of annual accounting and tax fees	6.	0	2,300
Total Healy Consultants fees payable this month	7.	22,090	0
Estimate of total Healy Consultants fees payable after 12 months	8.		3,650

**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

1. Healy Consultants fees to efficiently and effectively complete Ivory Coast representative registration within six weeks (click link) by i) choosing the optimum regulatory license for our Client's business activities ii) reserving a RO name with Investment Promotion Centre in Ivory Coast (CEPICI) iii) settling our accountant and lawyer fees and iv) preparing a high quality company incorporation application for CEPICI:

All engagement fees (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 detailed project plan, mapping out deliverables by week throughout the engagement term;



Every week during the engagement, Healy Consultants will email our Client a detailed status update. 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 the Ivory Coast Companies Act, each Ivory Coast representative office must appoint a RO secretary, who may be a natural person or a body corporate, but the representative secretary must be resident in Ivory Coast. Healy Consultants will act as your Ivory Coast representative office secretary, for which our annual responsibilities include i) preparing and filing the legal annual return; ii) securely maintaining company records; iii) liaising with the Ivory Coast government on our Client's behalf; iv) legal filing of changes of representative office structure; and v) reminding our Client of statutory deadlines:

In accordance with Ivory Coast Companies Act, a representative office shall as from the date of its incorporation have a legal registered office in Ivory Coast, to which all official government communications and notices may be addressed. To comply with this statutory requirement, Healy Consultants' Ivory Coast office will be the registered office address for your representative office. 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 Healy Consultants' office address on invoices, contracts, websites and business cards;

- 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) reserving the representative office name ii) obtain two extracts of the criminal record of the managers, iii) register with the Direction de l'Enregistrement et du Timbre iii) publish the formation notice in a legal journal iv) file documents with the Court's Clerk Office and with the Registre du Commerce et du Crédit Mobilier (RCCM), and v) file a declaration of commencement of business with the Tax Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance. Following engagement completion, Healy Consultants will refund our Client any excess of funds received over actual Government costs paid;
- Healy Consultants will draft a business license application for our Client. We will engage our Ivory Coast lawyers or review and approve the same, protecting our Clients' interests and complying with local Ivory Coast law. All third party fee payments will be supported by original receipts and invoices;

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Healy Consultants will be pleased to open a Ivory Coast representative bank account without our Client travel. It is a time consuming task, and Healy Consultants 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 representative office when shareholders, directors and bank signatories reside overseas. Healy Consultants will prepare a business plan for the bank to optimize the probability of representative bank account approval. 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 will try its best to negotiate with the bank for a travel exemption. If our Client must travel to Ivory Coast for representative bank account opening, Healy Consultants will refund our Client US\$950;

If our Client is not comfortable with only a Ivory Coast representative bank account, Healy Consultants will be pleased to open an international representative bank account (click link) outside of Ivory Coast. 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;



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The banks enjoys ultimate power of approval of representative bank account applications. Consequently, guaranteed success is outside of Healy Consultants' 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 our global banking relationships and determination;

Global banks continue to tighten representative bank account opening procedures, their internal compliance departments completing more thorough due diligence of Clients. Consequently, our Clients should expect the bank account approval period to take up to 4 weeks. Furthermore, global banks now require evidence of proof of business in the country where the representative bank account will be, including sales contracts or lease agreement;

- As per Ivory Coast Tax Law, each entity must register for tax and VAT at the Ivory Coast National Revenue Authority;
- For an active trading representative office, these accounting and tax fees are an estimate of Healy Consultants fees to efficiently and effectively discharge your annual representative office accounting and tax obligations. Following receipt of a set of draft accounting numbers from your representative office. Healy Consultants will more accurately advise accounting and tax fees. For a dormant representative office, Healy Consultants fees are only US\$950;



All fees quoted in this invoice correspond to fees quoted on Healy Consultants' website. Please review this invoice carefully to identify errors. During the rush of the business day, it is possible that Healy Consultants 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;

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- Assuming our Clients re-engage Healy Consultants in year 2, this fee is an estimate of the fees payable next year, 12 months after the date of representative office 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 realizes that the project is more complex than anticipated, requiring a large additional investment of time, my Firm will revert to request additional fees. If Healy Consultants completes the engagement faster and more easily than expected, Healy Consultants is happy to refund some fees to our Client;
- 11. Engage Healy Consultants to <u>project manage</u> business set up in every country on the planet. We are the best in the <u>world</u> at what we do, timely completing <u>the A to Z</u> of every country engagement;
- 12. In accordance with the <u>Ivory Coast Companies Act</u>, there is no minimum capital injection required to setup an Ivory Coast representative office entity;
- 13. Representative office business activities are limited to i) market research; ii) Client after sales support and iii) promoting the business of the parent company and iv) research and development. The representative office is free of corporation tax, but must register for VAT. A Representative office can i) lease office premises and ii) but cannot issue sales invoice to Clients' nor iii) sign local sales. A Representative office cannot import and export goods. The life of the Representative office is limited to the life of the parent company;
- 14. If our Client and Healy Consultants properly plan this engagement, our Clients' will <u>not</u> have to travel during this engagement. Healy Consultants will efficiently and effectively and aggressively complete representative office registration and representative 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 office;



- 15. If our Client requires nominee shareholder and director services (click link), Healy Consultants will be pleased to assist. Our fee for professional, passive nominee corporate shareholder amounts to US\$2,100 per annum. Our fee to be both nominee director and shareholder amounts to US\$6,600 per annum. Being the sole shareholders and sole director of a Client's entity exposes Healy Consultants to reputation, litigation and financial risk;
- 16. Depending on our Client's business and nationality, the Ivory Coast Government may require a special regulatory license to carry on your business in the country. Healy Consultants will assist our Client secure license approval; there may be additional engagement fees. However, the Government enjoys ultimate power of approval of representative office registrations and business licenses;
- 17. If required, Healy Consultants will be pleased to assist your firm secure employee visa approvals. Our fee is US\$4,950 for the first employee, US\$3,950 for the second employee, US\$2,950 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' control. What is inside our control is the preparation and submission of a high quality immigration visa application that maximizes the likelihood of visa approval;
- 18. Some of our Clients request Healy Consultants 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;

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- 19. Some of our Clients' require an <u>immediate country solution</u>. With this strategy, within a day Healy Consultants can supply our Client i) an existing dormant company number and ii) an already approved Ivory Coast representative 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;
- 20. Monthly, quarterly and mid-year Government tax obligations include monthly payroll reporting, monthly GST and monthly or quarterly corporation tax return filing. If you need our help, Healy Consultants can complete monthly Government reporting for a monthly fee of US\$860. Healy Consultants 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 GST returns and iv) submission of monthly employee payroll reporting;
- 21. It is important our Clients are aware of their personal and representative tax obligations in their country of residence and domicile. Let us know if you need Healy Consultants help to clarify your local and international annual tax reporting obligations;
- 22. During the engagement, shareholders and directors' documents may need to be translated into the local language; before the Government and Bank approves representative office registration and representative bank account opening respectively. Consequently, our Client should budget for possible additional translation and embassy attestation fees. Either our Client or Healy Consultants can complete this administrative task:
  - As always, Healy Consultants 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 iii) official translator fees;
- 23. As stipulated on our <u>business website</u> and in section 3 of our engagement letter, Healy Consultants will only commence the engagement following i) settlement of our fees and ii) completion and signing of our legal engagement letter;
- 24. Healy Consultants will only incorporate your representative office after 75% of <u>due diligence</u> documentation is received by email. Healy Consultants will only open a representative bank account after 100% of the Client's original due diligence documentation is received by courier;
- 25. In accordance with the <a href="Ivory Coast Companies Act 2009">Ivory Coast representative office must have at least one individual country representative ordinarily resident in Ivory Coast. If required, Healy Consultants will be pleased to provide your firm with a professional nominee representative in Ivory Coast. Our fee amounts to US\$6,600 per annum;</a>
- 26. During the annual renewal engagement with our Client, our in-house <u>Legal and Compliance Department</u> (<u>click link</u>) reviews the quality and completeness of our Client file. Consequently, Healy Consultants may revert to our Client to ask for more up to date due <u>diligence documentation</u>;
- 27. 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;
- 28. Some of our Clients' engage Healy Consultants to <u>recruit (click link)</u> local employees. We have a lot of experience in this area and we are quite skilled at securing quality candidates for our Clients';

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Thank you for your business and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming weeks as we engineer your Ivory Coast representative structure.

Best regards,

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