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United States of America

RE: Commerce Group, et al. vs. Republic of El Salvador, Notice of Arbitration

Dear Secretary General:

The law firm of Machulak, Robertson & Sodos, S.C., appearing on behalf of its clients, the Commerce Group Corp., and San Sebastian Gold Mines, Inc., hereby submits to the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) notice of arbitration in the matter of the Commerce Group Corp. and San Sebastian Gold Mines, Inc. vs. Republic of El Salvador.

Enclosed with this letter, please find the original and six (6) copies of the Notice of Arbitration together with exhibits. Upon receipt of the same, please file stamp one of the extra copies of the Notice of Arbitration and return it to my attention in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that I am providing for your convenience. Also, enclosed with this letter, please find a copy of the wire transfer order verifying payment of the \$25,000 administrative filing fee required for commencement of these proceedings. I further request that upon receipt of the enclosed materials and verification of payment of the administrative fee, that the Secretary General register the enclosed Notice of Arbitration in the Arbitration Register and notify the parties of the same.

By copy of this letter, I am providing the respondent party, the Republic of El Salvador, with a copy of the enclosed pleadings. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Machulak
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Enclosures

cc: Client (w/enc.)

Republic of El Salvador (w/enc.)