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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the attached translation is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and accurate translation from French into English of the attached letter to Mr. Ricardo Saad and Scott Horton from Nava Touré, dated 07 May 2013.



Nishma Shah, Project Manager
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Signed and witnessed

this 2nd day of July, 2013.



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Technical Committee
for the Review of
Mining Titles and Agreements

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No. 035/CTRTCM/2013

The President

Conakry, 07 May 2013

Re: Preliminary Communication of Elements Relating to the Matter

Your Ref:

Mr. Ricardo SAAD
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Dear Director,

The Technical Committee for the Review of Mining Titles and Agreements ("CTRTCM") has been following closely the developments of the criminal proceedings that have recently been opened in the United States.

The CTRTCM acknowledges the criminal complaint filed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") against Mr. Frédéric CILINS on 15 April 2013 (the "**Criminal Complaint**") and the arraignment issued by the Grand Jury of the Southern District of New York on 25 April 2013 (the "**Arraignment**").

Firstly, the Criminal Complaint makes reference to a certain number of written agreements entered into by the companies BSG Resources Guinée ("**BSGR Guinée**") and Pentler Holdings Ltd. with Ms. Mamadie TOURE. Those agreements together had the express object of guaranteeing compensation, monetary or in kind, to Ms. TOURE, the then spouse of President Lansana CONTE, in consideration for her assistance in obtaining mining rights in the Republic of Guinea by BSGR Guinée and BSG Resources Limited ("**BSGR**").

The Government of the Republic of Guinea is in possession of the originals of these agreements, which have been passed on to the American Government. The authenticity of these documents has been confirmed by witnesses during depositions carried out by judicial authorities.

In this respect, the CTRTCM notes that the companies VBG, BSGR and BSGR Guinée have not, at any time, publicly denied the existence and the authenticity of these contracts even when their representatives were confronted by journalists from the *Financial Times* in possession of copies of the

said contracts. According to an article which appeared in the *Financial Times* on 21 April 2013 (p. 1), BSGR simply refused to comment on these contracts.

Secondly, the Criminal Complaint details the actions allegedly undertaken by Mr. CILINS in order to convince Ms. TOURE to destroy the originals of the contracts entered into between her and the companies BSGR Guinée and Pentler Holdings Ltd.

The CTRTCM considers it essential, prior to closing its review of the matter and before holding an administrative hearing, to grant VBG, as apparent titleholder of the mining rights relating to the Simandou and Zogota fields, the opportunity to react now to these allegations. In order to do so, the CTRTCM herewith encloses the following documents:

- (i) A copy of the Criminal Complaint along with an informal French translation;
- (ii) A copy of the Arraignment along with an informal French translation; and
- (iii) A copy of the written agreements signed with Ms. TOURE.

The CTRTCM encourages VBG in particular to provide details with respect to the value and interpretation that should be given to the attached written agreements and with respect to the role that Mr. CILINS is alleged to have played, according to the American authorities, in an attempt to destroy these contracts.

Taking account of the particularly serious nature of the alleged facts, the CTRTCM invites the company VBG to submit a detailed response within 7 days from receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

[signature]
Nava TOURÉ

Cc: Mr. Scott Horton

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The President
The Technical Committee for the Review of
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**COMITÉ TECHNIQUE
DE REVUE DES TITRES
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RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE

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Travail – Justice – Solidarité

Conakry, le 07 mai 2013

CONFIDENTIEL

Le Président

Objet : Communication préliminaire d'éléments
du dossier

V/Réf :

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Monsieur Ricardo SAAD
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Monsieur le Directeur,

Le Comité Technique de Revue des Titres et Conventions Minières ("CTRTCM") a suivi de manière attentive les évolutions de la procédure pénale qui a récemment été ouverte aux États-Unis.

Le CTRTCM prend acte de la plainte pénale déposée par le Bureau fédéral d'investigation ("FBI") contre Monsieur Frédéric CILINS le 15 avril 2013 ("Plainte pénale") et de l'acte d'accusation rendu par le *grand jury* du District Sud de New York le 25 avril 2013 ("Acte d'accusation").

Dans un premier temps, la Plainte pénale fait référence à un certain nombre d'accords écrits conclus par les sociétés BSG Resources Guinée ("BSGR Guinée") et Pentler Holdings Ltd. avec Madame Mamadie TOURE. L'ensemble des accords avaient expressément pour objet de garantir une rémunération, pécuniaire ou en nature, à Mme TOURE, alors épouse du Président Lansana CONTE, en contrepartie de son assistance en faveur de l'obtention par les sociétés BSGR Guinée et BSG Resources Limited ("BSGR") de droits miniers en République de Guinée.

Le Gouvernement de la République Guinée est en possession des originaux de ces accords, qui ont été communiqués au Gouvernement américain. L'authenticité des documents a été confirmée par des témoins lors d'interrogatoires menés par les autorités judiciaires.

À cet égard, le CTRTCM prend note du fait que les sociétés VBG, BSGR et BSGR Guinée n'ont, à aucun moment, publiquement nié l'existence et l'authenticité de ces contrats même lorsque leurs représentants ont été confrontés par des journalistes du *Financial Times* en possession de copies desdits contrats. Selon un article qui a paru dans le *Financial Times* du 21 avril 2013 (p. 1), BSGR aurait refusé tout simplement de commenter ces contrats.

Dans un deuxième temps, la Plainte pénale détaille les actions qu'auraient prises M. CILINS afin de convaincre Mme TOURE de détruire les originaux des contrats conclus entre elle et les sociétés BSGR Guinée et Pentler Holdings Ltd.

Le CTRTCM juge essentiel, avant de terminer son instruction du dossier et de tenir une audience administrative, d'accorder à la société VBG, en tant que titulaire apparent des droits miniers relatifs aux gisements de Simandou et de Zogota, la possibilité de réagir dès maintenant aux allégations la concernant. Pour ce faire, le CTRTCM joint à la présente les documents suivants :

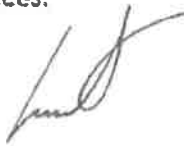
- (i) Une copie de la Plainte pénale accompagnée d'une traduction française non-officielle ;
- (ii) Une copie de l'Acte d'accusation accompagné d'une traduction française non-officielle ; et
- (iii) Une copie des accords écrits signés avec Mme TOURE.

Le CTRTCM encourage notamment la société VBG à apporter des précisions quant à la valeur et l'interprétation qui devrait être donnée aux accords écrits joints à la présente et quant au rôle que M. CILINS aurait joué, selon les autorités américaines, dans la tentative de destruction de ces contrats.

Compte tenu du caractère particulièrement grave des faits allégués, le CTRTCM invite la société VBG à soumettre une réponse détaillée dans un délai de 7 jours à compter de la réception de la présente.


Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Directeur, en l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.




Nava TOURÉ

C.C. : - M. Scott Horton



Approved: 
ELISHA J. KOBRE/STEPHEN SPIEGELHALTER
Assistant United States Attorney/
Trial Attorney, Criminal Division, Fraud Section

Before: HONORABLE JAMES C. FRANCIS
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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COMPLAINT
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
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 - v. - : Violations of
 : 18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2),
 : 1510, 1519
FREDERIC CILINS, :
 :
 Defendant. : COUNTY OF OFFENSE:
 : NEW YORK

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

PETER KILPATRICK, a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), being duly sworn, deposes and states:

COUNT ONE
(Tampering With A Witness, Victim, or Informant)

1. From at least in or about March 2013 through on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, willfully, knowingly, and corruptly, did obstruct, influence, and impede official proceedings and attempt to do so, to wit, CILINS offered money to another person to cause that person to deliver to CILINS, for destruction, documents required to be produced pursuant to a grand jury subpoena.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2) and 2.)

COUNT TWO
(Obstruction of a Criminal Investigation)

2. From at least in or about March 2013 through on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, willfully and knowingly, endeavored by means of bribery to obstruct, delay, and prevent the

communication of information relating to a violation of criminal statutes of the United States by a person to a criminal investigator, to wit, CILINS offered money to another person in exchange for that person's agreement to provide to CILINS, for destruction, documents requested from that person by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducting an investigation relating to violations of criminal statutes.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1510 and 2.)

COUNT THREE

(Destruction, Alteration, and Falsification of
Records in A Federal investigation)

3. From at least in or about March 2013 through on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, willfully and knowingly, and with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of a department and agency of the United States, namely the United States Department of Justice, and in relation to and in contemplation of such matter, did knowingly alter, destroy, mutilate, conceal, cover up, falsify, and make false entries in records, documents, and tangible objects, to wit, CILINS directed an individual, from whom agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducting an investigation regarding potential violations of federal criminal law, had requested certain documents, to destroy those documents.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1519 and 2.)

4. I have been a Special Agent of the FBI for approximately 4 years. During my time with the FBI, I have participated in public corruption and other white-collar investigations. I am presently assigned to Squad C4, a public corruption and civil rights unit. This squad investigates, among other things, white-collar crime, including violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, wire fraud, election crimes, and public corruption in and around New York.

5. I have participated in the investigation of this matter, and I am familiar with the information contained in this Complaint based on my own personal participation in the investigation, my review of documents, conversations I have had with other law enforcement officers about this matter, my training and experience, and discussions I have had with other law enforcement personnel. Because this Complaint is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to arrest the defendant, I have not

included the details of every aspect of the investigation. Where actions, conversations and statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

THE DEFENDANT

6. From immigration records and from my participation in this investigation, I know that FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, is a citizen of France who has identified himself as a representative of a particular business entity not based in the United States engaged in the mining industry (the "Entity"), as further described below.

OVERVIEW OF THE DEFENDANT'S CRIMES

7. As described below, FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, has made repeated efforts to obstruct an ongoing federal grand jury investigation in this District concerning potential money laundering violations and potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), including such violations by a domestic concern as defined by the FCPA, relating to bribes to officials of a former government of the country of Guinea for the purpose of obtaining valuable mining concessions in Guinea. During monitored and recorded phone calls and face-to-face meetings with a cooperating witness assisting in this investigation, CILINS, among other things, agreed to pay large sums of money to the cooperating witness to induce the cooperating witness to: (1) provide to CILINS, for destruction, documents CILINS knew had been requested from the cooperating witness by special agents of the FBI and which were to be produced before a federal grand jury; and (2) sign an affidavit containing numerous false statements regarding matters within the scope of the grand jury investigation. CILINS repeatedly told the cooperating witness that the documents needed to be destroyed "urgently" and that CILINS needed to be present to personally witness the documents being burned.

THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION

8. From my participation in this matter, I know that, from in or about January 2013 through the present, a federal grand jury in this District has been conducting a criminal investigation regarding potential violations of criminal law, including money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957; and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-3 (the "Grand Jury Investigation"). Among other things, the Grand Jury Investigation concerns the

transfer into the United States from outside the United States of payments in furtherance of a scheme to corruptly obtain valuable mining concessions in Guinea, including a particular valuable mining concession in Guinea's Simandou region (the "Simandou Concession"). Subjects of the Grand Jury Investigation include one or more "domestic concerns" within the meaning of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and certain of the proceeds of potential bribes were wired to or through this District.

9. Based, among other things, upon my review of publicly-available press articles, I know that the current government of Guinea is conducting an investigation into potential corruption in Guinea by, among others, a particular business entity not based in the United States engaged in the mining industry (the "Entity"). The investigation by the government of Guinea concerns, among other things, whether the Entity or its affiliates obtained the Simandou Concession by means of bribes paid to officials of a former government of Guinea. For example, a November 2, 2012 article in the Financial Times (the "FT Article") reported that "a [Guinean] government committee has launched a corruption probe and is demanding answers about how [the Entity] secured in 2008 the rights to the half of Simandou that had earlier that year been stripped from [another mining enterprise]." The FT Article further stated that the committee conducting the government of Guinea Investigation had made "graft allegations" relating to the Entity's acquisition of interests in Simandou and a smaller deposit nearby. According to the FT Article, the committee conducting the government of Guinea Investigation is considering "reclaiming the rights" to the Simandou Concession from the Entity.

10. Beginning in or about March 2013, as part of the Grand Jury Investigation, the Government has been working with a cooperating witness (the "CW").¹ The CW is the former wife of a now deceased high-ranking official in the government of Guinea (the "Guinean Official"). From another special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("Agent-1"), I know that, on or about February 2, 2013, before the Government began working with the CW, Agent-1 served upon the CW a grand jury subpoena, dated February 2, 2013, requiring the CW to testify before the grand jury and provide

¹The CW is cooperating in the Government's investigation in the hopes of obtaining immunity for the CW's own potential criminal conduct within the scope of the Grand Jury Investigation. Information provided by the CW has proven accurate and reliable and has been corroborated by, among other things, phone records, physical surveillance, and consensually recorded phone conversations and meetings.

documents to the grand jury relating to the Grand Jury Investigation (the "Grand Jury Subpoena"). With respect to the production of documents, the Grand Jury Subpoena required the CW to produce before the grand jury, among other things:

Any and all documents - including but not limited to contracts, bank or other financial records, records of cash payments or gifts, transaction records, . . . and any other records - reflecting or otherwise concerning: the Simandou concession, . . . [the Entity] and related entities . . .

11. From the CW, I learned that, while the CW was the wife of the Guinean Official, who was then still in office and empowered to influence the award of mining concessions, the CW was visited by several individuals including FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, who identified themselves as representatives of the Entity. According to the CW, these individuals told the CW, on behalf of the Entity, that they wished to invest in mines in Guinea and asked the CW for help with the Guinean Official, who was then CW's spouse. CILINS offered the CW \$12 million, to be distributed to the CW and ministers or officials within the government of Guinea who might be needed to secure the mining rights if all went well after their introduction to the Guinean Official. The CW later arranged and was present for a meeting between CILINS and the Guinean Official. The CW described further meetings with CILINS and others identifying themselves as being associated with the Entity concerning bribe payments by representatives of the Entity to officials of the government of Guinea. The CW also described personally receiving money from the Entity through an individual the CW described as associated with the Entity as part of the Entity's scheme to corruptly influence the Guinean Official and other officials in an effort to obtain mining contracts for the Entity.

12. The CW also referenced a series of contacts which the CW entered into with the Entity and its affiliates setting forth the terms of payments by the Entity and its affiliates by which the Entity intended to corruptly influence those necessary to its scheme to secure for the Entity mining rights in Guinea, including the Simandou Concession. From Agent-1 I know that the CW told Agent-1 that FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, was present when some of these contracts were signed.

13. From a source assisting the Grand Jury Investigation (the "Source"), among other sources, I have received photocopies, but not originals, of several contracts between the Entity and its

affiliates, on the one hand, and the CW and companies controlled by the CW, on the other, as described by the CW (collectively, the "Contracts"). From Agent-1 I know that copies of two of the Contracts were also separately provided to Agent-1 by the CW. Because the Contracts are in French, I have relied upon draft English translations of the Contracts in describing some of the Contracts below. As described by the CW and as set forth in the Contracts, the Contracts set forth the terms of payments by the Entity, through a wholly owned subsidiary of the Entity, to the CW for the CW's assistance in securing for the Entity mining rights in Guinea, including the Simandou Concession. From my review of the Contracts, I know that the Contracts concern, among other things, the Entity and related entities and the Simandou Concession and are therefore documents required to be produced by the Grand Jury Subpoena. The following paragraphs briefly describe some of the Contracts, each of which was, from at least February 2, 2013, under subpoena by the grand jury.

a. I have reviewed a draft English translation of a document titled "Protocole D'Accord" ("Protocol-1"), which is dated June 20, 2007. Protocol-1, which is in French, appears to be a contract between an entity I know is a company controlled by the CW (the "CW's Company") and a Guinea-based wholly owned subsidiary of the Entity (the "Guinea Subsidiary"). According to Protocol-1, "[Guinea Subsidiary] approached the Guinean authorities with a view to establishing a partnership for the development and exploitation of part of the iron deposits of SIMANDOU, and also the [CW's Company] in order that the latter might assist it in the ways and means which would allow it to obtain permits for mining research." Protocol-1 further recounts that "with the combined efforts" various mining research permits were granted by the Ministry of Mines and Geology to the Guinea Subsidiary. Moreover, Protocol-1 sets forth that "[i]n order to remunerate the efforts provided, the [Guinea Subsidiary] agrees to transfer 5% of all its shares of stock to the [CW's Company], which agrees to this." Protocol-1 appears to be signed by CW, as "The Manager" of the CW's Company and by an individual listed as the "Chief Executive" of the Guinea Subsidiary.

b. I have reviewed another document titled "Protocole D'Accord" ("Protocol-2"). From Agent-1, I know that the CW provided a copy of Protocol-2 to Agent-1. From my review of a draft English translation of Protocol-2, which is in French and is dated February 28, 2008, I know that Protocol-2 also appears to be a contract between the CW's Company and the Guinea Subsidiary. Protocol-2 provides that "[t]he [Entity] commits to giving 5% of the shares of stock of blocks 1 and 2 of simandou, situated in the Republic of Guinea." Protocol-2 appears to be signed by only the

CW, on behalf of the CW's Company, and by a representative of the Entity ("Individual-1").

c. I have reviewed another of the Contracts titled, in French, "Contrat De Commission" (the "Commission Contract"). From Agent-1, I know that the CW provided a copy of the Commission Contract to Agent-1. From my review of a draft English translation of the Commission Contract, which is in French and is dated February 27, 2008, one day before the date of Protocol-2, I know that the Commission Contract states, in pertinent part, the following:

[The CW's Company] commits for its part to taking all necessary steps to obtain from the authorities the signature for the obtaining of the aforementioned blocks [of the Simandou mine] on behalf of [the Guinea Subsidiary].

[The Guinea Subsidiary] proposes to distribute the commission above as follows:

The amount of two (2) million for the [CW's Company] with attribution of one hundred (100) USD already paid out as an advance. The remainder of the amount will be distributed among persons of good will who may have contributed to facilitating the granting of the aforementioned blocks, regarding which [the Guinea Subsidiary] will be conscientious with respect to the quality of the contribution of each party. The totality of the amount will be paid out without delay after signature of the aforementioned document.

The Commission Contract appears to be signed by the CW, on behalf of CW's Company, and by Individual-1, on behalf of [the Guinea Subsidiary].

d. I have reviewed another of the Contracts, which is titled "Lettre D'Engagement" (the "Engagement Letter") and is undated. From my review of a draft English translation of the Engagement Letter, which is in French, I know that the Engagement Letter is addressed to the CW from a particular holding company (the "Holding Company"). The Engagement Letter recounts that "[the Guinea Subsidiary] approached the Guinean authorities in view of establishing a partnership for the development and exploitation of part of the iron deposits of SIMANDOU" and that "[i]n the context

of this project, [the Guinea Subsidiary] submitted a proposal to the Guinean authorities, which allows shareholding . . . up to 5% by [the CW] as a local partner." The Engagement Letter further states, among other things, that "[i]n order to incorporate the shareholding of [the CW], [the Guinea Subsidiary] will transfer 17.65% of its capital to the [Holding Company], of which 33.30% of the capital will be attributed to [the CW]."

e. I have reviewed another of the Contracts, which is untitled and dated August 3, 2010 (the "August 3, 2010 Contract"). From Agent-1, I know that the CW provided a copy of the August 3, 2010 Contract to Agent-1. From my review of a draft English translation of the August 3, 2010 Contract, which is in French, I know that the August 3, 2010 Contract is signed by the Holding Company. In the August 3, 2010 Contract, the Holding Company agreed to pay the CW, subject to "the favorable pursuit, good functioning, and positive outcome of the operations that [the Holding Company] and its partners carry out in all their activities in Guinea (commerce, medicine, mining, etc.) . . . the additional amount of 5 million US dollars, payable in two parts (each payment being 2.5 million US dollars)." The first payment was to be made "24 months after the signature of this document" and the second "24 months after the first payment." The August 3, 2010 Contract required the CW to conceal the CW's relationship with the Holding Company, reciting that the CW and the CW's company "commit herewith to make no use of this document, in any manner whatever, directly or indirectly, and to not use this document against the [Holding Company] and/or its partner and/or its associates in Guinea or elsewhere."

14. From the CW, I know that some of the money paid to the CW by the Entity and its affiliates or agents was wired to a bank account in Florida controlled by the CW.

**THE DEFENDANT'S OBSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDING
AND THE FBI INVESTIGATION**

15. From Agent-1, I have learned that in or about early March 2013, Agent-1 learned from the CW that FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, contacted the CW by phone in an effort to reach an agreement with the CW under which CILINS would pay money to the CW in exchange for the CW providing CILINS with originals of the Contracts. CW thereafter participated in a number of consensually recorded and monitored phone calls with CILINS and several consensually monitored and recorded face-to-face meetings with CILINS, which are described below. These phone calls and meetings were all conducted in French and the descriptions below of these phone calls and meetings are therefore based upon my review of

draft English summaries of the recordings. As further detailed below, during the course of these phone calls and meetings, CILINS, referencing documents evidencing payments from the Entity and its affiliates to the CW, including the Contracts, told the CW that the documents needed to be "destroyed" and agreed to pay the CW money for originals of the documents and for signing a statement denying that the CW had ever entered into any contracts with the Entity or received any money from the Entity.

16. Either Agent-1 or I was present for each of the telephone calls between the CW and FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, described below. From Agent-1, I learned that Agent-1 learned from the CW that prior to the phone calls described below, the CW had discussions with CILINS regarding potential payments by CILINS to the CW in exchange for documents concerning the Entity and its affiliates, including the Contracts. Each call was recorded and, for each call, either I, if I was not present, or Agent-1 verified that the CW's call was placed to a particular phone number that I know, based upon records from T-Mobile, is subscribed to by "Frederic Cilins."

a. On or about March 15, 2013, the CW called CILINS. During this phone call, which was monitored and recorded, CILINS told the CW that he wanted to meet the CW the following week. The CW asked CILINS what CILINS was going to offer the CW. CILINS replied that he needed to see the CW in person. CILINS again reiterated that he needed to speak to the CW, but did not want to speak on the phone. The CW asked CILINS whether, when they meet, the CW should bring "the documents." CILINS responded that it was up to the CW whether to bring the documents to that meeting, but said that they first needed to meet to go over the details and then execute it. Based upon information from the CW and my familiarity with this investigation, I believe that the "documents" referenced during this phone call include the Contracts and other agreements between the CW and the Entity or the Guinea Subsidiary concerning bribe payments for mining concessions in Guinea.

b. On or about March 16, 2013, the CW spoke again with CILINS. During this call, which was monitored and recorded, the CW and CILINS discussed when the CW and CILINS would be able to meet in person. When the CW said that the CW would be unavailable to meet that week, CILINS responded that it was in the CW's interest to meet as there might be a great deal of discussion of money during the meeting. The CW asked how much money CILINS would give the CW, and CILINS responded by referencing a previous discussion during which CILINS and the CW had discussed money. CILINS reiterated that they needed to meet, as the money question was one which they could not resolve on the telephone.

c. On or about March 20, 2013, the CW again called CILINS. During this call, which was monitored and recorded, the CW and CILINS discussed their plans for an upcoming, face-to-face meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. The CW told CILINS that the CW wanted an agreement during the meeting and asked whether another individual ("CC-1") who, based upon publicly available information, I know is a high-ranking individual within the Entity, had agreed to the sum of money that CW had requested. CILINS responded, "Of course." CILINS stated that, after the meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, CILINS would work with an attorney to draft papers concerning their agreement. CILINS again stated that he did not want to discuss details of the arrangement by telephone.

17. Based upon information from the CW, my familiarity with this investigation, and my training and experience, I believe that during the foregoing phone conversations, FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, was discussing plans to meet with the CW to offer the CW money to either destroy, or provide to CILINS for destruction or concealment, documents relating to the Simandou concession and the Entity and related entities, including the Contracts described above, which were, and remain, the subject of the Grand Jury Subpoena.

18. Based upon my conversations with Agent-1 and other special agents of the FBI, I know that, on or about March 25, 2013, following the phone conversations described above in which FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, discussed with the CW paying the CW money in exchange for documents relating to the Simandou Concession and the Entity and related entities, including the Contracts, the CW met with CILINS at an airport in Jacksonville, Florida (the "March 25 Meeting"). Agents from the FBI conducted physical surveillance of the March 25 Meeting, which was recorded by a recording device in the CW's possession. Because the March 25 Meeting was conducted in French, the description below of what occurred during the March 25 Meeting is based upon my review of draft English summaries of the recordings. Based upon my review of these draft English summaries, I know that, in substance and among other things, the following occurred during the March 25 Meeting:

a. CILINS told the CW, in substance and in part, that the CW will receive \$300,000 while the remainder, which the CW will receive when it is over, will be somewhere else. After the CW asked how they will proceed with this agreement, CILINS replied that he, CILINS, would need to come back so that they can destroy the papers. CILINS told the CW that, at the same time, some of the funds intended for the CW will be invested with a lawyer, while the rest would go to the CW. After the CW told CILINS that the CW did not understand, CILINS reiterated that after he, CILINS, returns to

destroy the papers, part of the money will be held by the lawyer and the rest would go immediately to the CW. Based upon what I have learned from the CW and my familiarity with this investigation, I believe that the documents CILINS refers to during this portion of the conversation include the Contracts and any other documents relating to the Entity and related entities concerning payments to the CW and others to secure mining rights in Guinea, including the Simandou Concession. Moreover, I believe that, when CILINS tells the CW that the CW will receive additional money when it is over, CILINS is referring to additional payments that CILINS and his co-conspirators will give to the CW for delivering to CILINS the documents after the government of Guinea's corruption investigation into the Entity has concluded favorably for the Entity.

b. CILINS described that CILINS was visited by a private investigative agency and questioned regarding documents relating to the Entity's mining contracts in Guinea and other documents in which, according to CILINS, the CW is mentioned. When the CW asked what to do if the CW were to be questioned by the same private investigative agency, CILINS, in substance, directed the CW to reply that the CW has no involvement in the matter, has never received any money, and that the CW does not have anything to do with the contract. CILINS further told the CW that CILINS would return with a document which the CW could refer to for answers in case the CW is ever questioned.

c. The CW asked CILINS what to do if the American government got involved. CILINS asked, in substance and in part, whether the CW is currently being bothered by officials from the government, to which the CW replied no. CILINS told the CW that he, CILINS, hoped that they would never come. The CW recounted that CILINS had told the CW, during a previous conversation, that they could come knock at the door and therefore the CW should destroy the papers. CILINS posited that the papers must be in the United States and that the next time CILINS comes they will need to destroy the papers. Based upon information from the CW, my conversations with Agent-1, and my familiarity with this investigation, I believe that when CILINS told the CW, in the context of discussion regarding a potential investigation by the United States Government, that they could come at any time and that the CW should destroy the papers, CILINS is expressing concern regarding a potentially imminent investigation by the government of the United States and directing the CW for that reason to destroy documents, including the Contracts.

d. CILINS told the CW that CILINS needed to return to France the next day, but that he, CILINS, would return to

the United States, arriving in Miami, on April 8, 2013. CILINS further told the CW that CILINS would come to Jacksonville, Florida to meet with the CW between April 8, 2013 and April 16, 2013.

19. Based upon my conversations with Agent-1 and other special agents of the FBI, I know that, on or about April 11, 2013 the CW met again with FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, at the same airport in Jacksonville, Florida (the "April 11 Meeting"). Prior to the April 11 Meeting, Agent-1 directed the CW to advise CILINS that the FBI, along with a federal grand jury, were conducting a grand jury investigation by providing CILINS with a ruse account of having recently been approached by FBI agents concerning that investigation, as further described below.

20. An FBI surveillance team conducted physical surveillance of the April 11 Meeting, which was recorded by a recording device in the CW's possession. Because the April 11 Meeting was conducted in French, the description below of what occurred during the April 11 Meeting is based upon my review of draft English summaries of the recordings, which were prepared by French speakers. Based upon my review of these draft English summaries, I know that, in substance and in part, the following took place during the April 11 Meeting:

a. The CW began the meeting by describing to CILINS that, during a recent visit by the CW to the United States immigration office to obtain an extension for the CW's visa, the CW was approached by two individuals who identified themselves as FBI agents. The agents told the CW that they are currently investigating bribe payments and mining contracts in Guinea. The CW further told CILINS that the CW was told by the agents that if the CW does not want to talk, the CW would receive a subpoena after which the CW would be required to appear in front of the grand jury, testify and turn over all the documents. CILINS asked whether the CW told the agents that the CW did not have any documents, to which the CW replied that the CW did tell the FBI agents that the CW had no documents.

b. CILINS replied that the documents need to be destroyed very urgently. CILINS repeated the word "urgently" multiple times. The CW told CILINS that the CW believes that the documents they want to destroy are the same documents that the U.S. government is after, and that the CW does not know what to do at this point. CILINS replied that he, CILINS, told the CW a long time ago that the CW should not keep anything here and that the CW should destroy absolutely everything.

c. CILINS asked whether the agents left the CW with a

paper. The CW replied that they left the CW with a phone number. CILINS asked for the phone number and told the CW that CILINS will need to get that phone number.

d. The CW then asked CILINS what a grand jury is, and added that the CW went online to find out and brought CILINS a paper explanation. Based upon my conversation with Agent-1, I know that at this point the CW took out and showed to CILINS a printout that the CW told CILINS the CW had gotten from the internet, but that had previously been provided to the CW by Agent-1. This document described, in French, the nature and functions of a grand jury in the United States. From Agent-1, I know that CILINS was observed by FBI agents reading the printout. CILINS then stated that there is only one thing that needs to be done immediately, and that thing is what CILINS had already told the CW.

e. CILINS told the CW that CILINS had a report (the "Report") regarding an investigation performed by a particular law firm which, in substance, described the CW's participation in a bribery scheme involving mining concessions in Guinea. CILINS told the CW that, according to the Report, evidence of the commission paid to the CW in connection with the Guinean mining concessions awarded to the Guinea Subsidiary consists of nine documents bearing the letterhead of the Entity, including, among other things, a series of draft agreements and a final sealed document stipulating that \$2.5 Million were promised to the CW for services guaranteeing the rights to the Simandou Concession.

f. After reading another short portion of the Report, CILINS stopped reading and told the CW that they need to destroy the papers urgently. CILINS again repeated the word "urgently" several times. CILINS stated that he was surprised that the FBI agents came to see the CW rather than calling the CW to come to them. CILINS told the CW, in substance, that the CW will need to be firm with the CW's story. CILINS told the CW that when they ask whether the CW knows the Entity or has been a participant in any activity, the CW can claim that the CW knows them as they are a company like many others in Conakry, which is the capital of Guinea, but that the CW has never been involved in anything else.

g. CILINS asked the CW whether the CW has the documents at home and told the CW that it is certain that they have to do it, which I understand, based upon my knowledge of this investigation, to mean destroying the documents, urgently. After the CW explained to CILINS that the documents were in a vault, CILINS told the CW that the CW absolutely needs to do it this afternoon when the CW goes back home. CILINS asked whether the CW has anybody else who the CW can send to get the documents in order

for them to be destroyed. The CW replied that only the CW has access to the documents.

h. CILINS told the CW that it is important for the CW to issue a statement in the legal proceeding regarding the Entity. CILINS told the CW that, in the statement, the CW needs to stipulate that the CW has nothing to do with the matter. CILINS asked the CW whether that is clear, to which the CW replied yes. CILINS also suggested that the CW may want to deny that the CW had been married to the Guinean Official.

i. CILINS asked the CW, in substance, whether the FBI agents appeared to know about the documents. The CW replied that the CW does not know. CILINS directed the CW not to talk about anything over the phone and that, whenever the CW is talking about something, the CW should move the phone far away as "they" are listening to everything.

j. CILINS then told the CW that there should not be many documents left and that they need to find a place to burn all of them, adding that they cannot do it at the CW's house. CILINS again told the CW that they need to take care of it fast now as in the past they delayed too much. CILINS further told the CW that the matter is serious and that if the original documents are found the CW could lose everything the CW owns in the United States and be sued and deported. CILINS further stated that what is done is done and was a significant mistake.

k. CILINS told the CW that CILINS was asked to be present in person to witness the documents being burned in order to guarantee that nothing is left behind. When the CW suggested that the CW could take care of it without CILINS, CILINS repeated that CILINS was instructed to see it happen in person and that CILINS cannot lie when he is asked whether he, CILINS, saw the papers being burned.

l. CILINS stated that, based upon what the CW had told him, the situation is now very urgent. CILINS told the CW that he was willing to return to meet with the CW on Saturday, April 13, or Sunday, April 14, to complete what they have to do. Based upon my participation in this investigation and prior conversation during the April 11 Meeting, I believe that CILINS' reference to what the CW previously told him is a reference to what the CW had previously described to CILINS as a visit by FBI agents and the agents' mention of returning with a grand jury subpoena.

m. CILINS then also discussed with the CW money CILINS would pay the CW. CILINS told the CW that the CW would receive \$1

million, with \$200,000 to be paid now and \$800,000 at a later date. CILINS further told the CW that, once the case is complete and the group is not forced out, the CW will receive "five." Based upon my participation in this investigation and my training and experience, I believe that the case CILINS refers to is the corruption investigation by the government of Guinea, the group CILINS refers to is the Entity or the Guinea Subsidiary, and "five" refers to \$5 million. CILINS later reiterated that the CW will receive \$5 million if they are not kicked out and the \$1 million regardless of the outcome.

n. CILINS then presented to the CW for the CW to sign a document CILINS referred to as an attestation (the "Attestation"). CILINS read the Attestation to the CW and told the CW that they needed to write "Jacksonville" on the Attestation, and date and sign it. The CW signed the Attestation after which I know from Agent-1 that the CW and CILINS walked together to a business center within the airport to make a copy of the Attestation for the CW.

o. As CILINS and the CW walked to the business center, CILINS reiterated that it is very important for CILINS to be present when the documents are destroyed and that CILINS has strict orders to be present for the destruction of the documents. The CW and CILINS agreed that the CW would go home to get the documents and call CILINS with a place where they could meet.

21. From Agent-1 I know that, after the conclusion of the April 11 Meeting, the CW provided Agent-1 with a copy of the Attestation, which had been presented to the CW for the CW's signature by FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, during the April 11 Meeting. The Attestation is written in French and is titled "ATTESTATION." Because the Attestation is in French, my description of the Attestation below is based upon a draft English translation of the Attestation prepared by a French translator. The Attestation, which purports to be a document issued by the CW, contains, among other things, the following statements, each of which I know based, among other things, upon information from the CW and my review of the Contracts described above, is false:

- a. "I have never signed a single contract with the Entity, neither directly or indirectly through anyone else."
- b. "I never intervened with Guinean officials in favor of [the Entity] . . ."
- c. "I have never received any money from [the Entity],

neither directly or indirectly. . . . [The Entity] never gave me . . . any money, neither directly to me nor to anyone else on my behalf. They did not either promise to pay me anything, neither to me, nor to anyone else on my behalf."

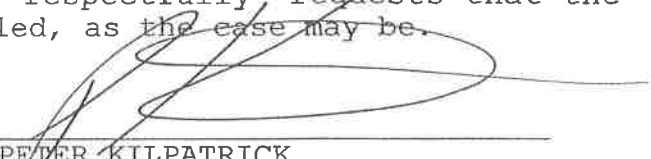
22. Based upon my conversations with Agent-1 and other special agents of the FBI, I know that, later on or about April 11, 2013, the CW again met with FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, at an airport in Jacksonville, Florida (the "Second April 11 Meeting"). An FBI surveillance team conducted physical surveillance of the Second April 11 Meeting, which was recorded by a recording device in the CW's possession. Because the Second April 11 Meeting was conducted in French, the description below of what occurred during the Second April 11 Meeting is based upon my review of draft English summaries of the recordings, which were prepared by French speakers. Based upon my review of these draft English summaries, I know that, in substance and among other things, the following occurred during the Second April 11 Meeting:

a. The CW expressed concern to CILINS that the CW was being asked to lie to the FBI and told CILINS that the CW wanted money now. CILINS replied that he would see what he could do and would try to get \$50,000 to give to the CW. CILINS expressed that he would need to seek permission from a senior operative within the Entity to pay the CW the money. CILINS stated, in substance, that the CW needed to lie to the FBI.

b. CILINS told the CW, who had brought to the Second April 11 Meeting copies of some of the Contracts, that the CW needed to bring the originals. CILINS told the CW that CILINS would call the CW the next day to arrange a time for them to meet again.


23. Based upon my conversations with Agent-1, I know that, on or about April 14, 2013, the CW again met with FREDERIC CILINS, the defendant, at the same airport in Jacksonville, Florida (the "April 14 Meeting"). Agents from the FBI conducted physical surveillance of the April 14 Meeting, which was recorded by a recording device in the CW's possession. From Agent-1, I know that shortly after CILINS left the April 14 Meeting, CILINS was arrested in possession of envelopes from Wells Fargo bank containing approximately \$20,000 in United States currency.

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully requests that the defendant be imprisoned, or bailed, as the case may be.



PETER KILPATRICK
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me this
__th day of April, 2013



HONORABLE JAMES C. FRANCIS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

- v. - : INDICTMENT

FREDERIC CILINS, :
a/k/a "Frederic Francois :
Marcel Cilins," :

Defendant. :

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COUNT ONE

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about March 2013, up to and including on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, did knowingly use intimidation, threaten, and corruptly persuade a person, and attempt to do so, and engage in misleading conduct towards another person, with intent to cause and induce a person to alter, destroy, mutilate, and conceal an object with intent to impair the object's integrity and availability for use in an official proceeding, to wit, CILINS agreed to pay money to an individual in exchange for that individual's agreement to provide to CILINS, for destruction, documents that were to be produced before a grand jury in the Southern District of New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(b)(2)(B) and 2.)

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COUNT TWO

The Grand Jury further charges:

2. From at least in or about March 2013, up to and including on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, did knowingly use intimidation, threaten, and corruptly persuade a person, and attempt to do so, and engage in misleading conduct towards another person, with intent to hinder, delay, and prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer of the United States of information relating to the commission and possible commission of a Federal offense, to wit, CILINS directed an individual to make false statements to special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the commission and possible commission of Federal offenses.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(b)(3) and 2.)

COUNT THREE

The Grand Jury further charges:

3. From at least in or about March 2013 up to and including on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, knowingly and corruptly, did obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding and did attempt to do so, to wit, CILINS agreed to pay money to an individual in exchange for that individual's agreement to provide

to CILINS, for destruction, documents that were to be produced before a grand jury in the Southern District of New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2) and 2.)

COUNT FOUR

The Grand Jury further charges:

4. From at least in or about March 2013 up to and including on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, willfully and knowingly did endeavor by means of bribery to obstruct, delay, and prevent the communication of information relating to a violation of a criminal statute of the United States by a person to a criminal investigator, to wit, CILINS agreed to pay money to an individual in exchange for that individual's agreement to sign a document containing false statements relating to violations of criminal statutes of the United States under investigation by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1510(a) and 2.)

COUNT FIVE

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. From at least in or about March 2013 through on or about April 14, 2013, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, did knowingly alter, destroy, mutilate,

conceal, cover up, falsify, and make false entries in records, documents, and tangible objects, and did so with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of a department and agency of the United States, namely the United States Department of Justice, and in relation to and in contemplation of such matter, to wit, CILINS provided to an individual, for that individual's signature, a document containing false statements, knowing that those false statements related to a criminal investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1519.)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

6. As a result of committing the offenses alleged in Counts One through Four of this Indictment, FREDERIC CILINS, a/k/a "Frederic Francois Marcel Cilins," the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of these offenses, including but not limited to a sum of United States currency representing the amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the offenses.

7. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

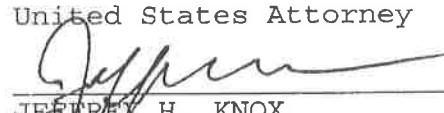
- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 981;
Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p); and
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)


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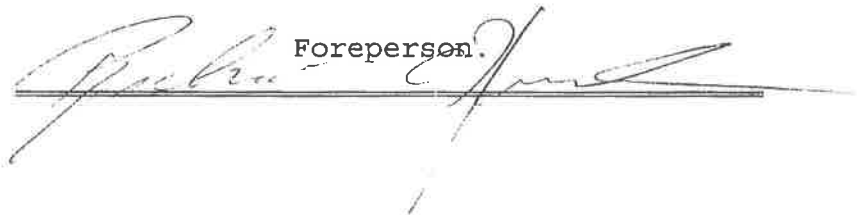
(Title 18, United States Code,
Sections 981, 1510, 1512(b)(2)(B),
1512(b)(3), 1512(c)(2), 1519; Title 21,
United States Code, Section 853(p); Title
28, United States Code, Section 2461.)

PREET BHARARA

United States Attorney.

A TRUE BILL

Foreperson.



April 25, 2013

Filed Indictment. Case assigned to Judge Watt.

U.S.M.S. Debra Freeman



PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD

ENTRE LES SOUSSIGNES

Société **MATINDA AND CO.LIMITD-SARL** Unipersonnelle en abrégé "MACO" dont le siège social se trouve à Dubréka, République de Guinée.

D'une part

Et

La Société **BSGR Ressources Guinée SARL** de droit guinéen, dont le siège social est sis à Conakry .

D'autre part

Etant préalablement exposé que

La Société **BSGR Guinée** s'est rapprochée des autorités guinéennes en vue d'établir un partenariat pour le développement et l'exploitation d'une partie des gisements de fer de **SIMANDOU** d'une part, et de la Société **MATINDA AND CO-LIMITED -SARL** afin que celle -ci l'assiste dans les voies et moyens permettant l'obtention des permis de recherches minières .

Sur ce, et des efforts conjugués, par arrêté N°A2007/582/MMG/SGG du 28 Février 2007, du Ministère des Mines et de la Géologie, quatre permis de recherches minières pour l'uranium couvrant une superficie total de 1413 km² ont été accordés à la Société **BSGR Ressources Guinée** dans les Préfectures de Lola et N'zérékoré ;

Ainsi, les parties conviennent librement de ce qui suit :

Afin de rétribuer les efforts fournis, la Société **BSGR Guinée** accepte de transférer 5% de toutes ses actions à la société **MATINDA AND CO-LIMITED-SARL** qui l'accepte

Le présent protocole qui vaut loi entre les parties entre en vigueur dès sa date de signature .

Signé à Conakry le **20 JUILLET** 2007

Fait en 2 exemplaires originaux

La Société **BSGR**
Ressources Guinée

La Société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED Sarl**

DIRECTEUR GENERAL

VU POUR LA LEGALISATION
MATERIELLE DES SIGNATURES
CONAKRY, LE 20/07/2007
LE GREFFIER EN CHEF

La Gérante



Mamadie TOURE

PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD

Entre les soussignés

La société **BSG Resources Guinée** représentée par Monsieur **AVIDAN ASHER**, directeur des opérations,

Et,

La société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED**, représentée par Madame **MAMADIE TOURE**, femme d'affaires à DUBREKA.

Il a été convenu ce qui suit :

La société **BSG Resources** s'engage à donner 5% des actions des blocs 1 et 2 de simandou situé en République de Guinée et couvrant les préfectures de kerouané et beyla .

Fait en deux exemplaires

Conakry, le 28 février 2008

Pour la société **BSG Resources Guinée**


Monsieur **AVIDAN ASHER**


Pour la société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED**


Madame **MAMADIE TOURE**

CONTRAT DE COMMISSION

Entre les soussignées :

La société **BSG Resources** représentée par Monsieur **ASHER AVIDAN**, directeur des opérations ayant le pouvoir à l'égard des présentes,

Et,

La société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED**, représenté par Madame **MAMADIE TOURE**, femme d'affaires à **DUBREKA**.

Il a été convenu ce qui suit :

ENGAGEMENT

La société **BSG Resources** s'engage de donner une somme totale de quatre millions de dollars à titre de commission pour l'obtention des blocs 1 et 2 de simandou situé en République de Guinée et couvrant les préfectures de **KERBOUANE** et **BEYLA**.

La société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED** s'engage pour sa part de faire toutes les démarches nécessaires pour obtenir des autorités la signature pour l'obtention des dits blocs en faveur de la société **BSG RESOURCES GUINEE**.

La société **BSG Resources** se propose de répartir la commission ci-dessus comme suit : Une somme de deux (2) millions pour la société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED** avec imputation de cent (100) USD déjà versée à titre d'avance.

Le reste de la somme sera répartie entre les personnes de bonne volonté qui auraient contribué à la facilitation de l'octroi des dits blocs, dans lequel la société **BSG Resources Guinée** diligentera en raison de la qualité de la contribution de chaque partie.

La totalité de la somme sera versée sans délai après la signature du dit document.

En outre, la société **BSG Resources** s'engage dans un délai raisonnable à la réalisation des infrastructures scolaires sous la propriété de **Matinda and co limited** en République de Guinée.

Fait en double exemplaire

Conakry le 27 février 2008

Pour la société **BSG Resources Guinée**


Mr. **ASHER AVIDAN**


Pour la société **MATINDA AND CO LIMITED**


Mme **MAMADIE TOURE**



LETTRE D'ENGAGEMENT

Envers :

Madame Mamadie TOURE, femme d'affaires, de nationalité guinéenne, domiciliée à Dubreka

De :

La Société PENTLER HOLDINGS LTD, domiciliée à Akara Building, 24 de Castro Street, Wickhams Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, représentée par Monsieur Avraham LEV RAN

Etant préalablement exposé que

La Société BSGR Guinée s'est rapprochée des autorités guinéennes en vue d'établir un partenariat pour le développement et l'exploitation d'une partie des gisements de fer de SIMANDOU.

Dans le cadre de ce projet, BSGR Guinée a soumis aux autorités guinéennes une proposition qui permet l'actionariat de la République de Guinée à hauteur de 15% et l'actionariat de Madame Mamadie TOURE en tant que partenaire locale à hauteur de 5%. A cet effet, la société BSGR Guinée constituera, avec la République de Guinée, une société anonyme à participation publique, qui sera dénommée Compagnie Minière de SIMANDOU.

Afin d'intégrer l'actionariat de Madame Mamadie TOURE la société BSGR Guinée transfèrera 17,65% de son capital à la Société Pentler Holdings Ltd dont 33,30% du capital seront attribués à Madame Mamadie TOURE.

Les éléments exposés ci-dessus ont fait l'objet d'un Protocole d'Accord signé entre Madame Mamadie TOURE d'une part et Société Pentler Holdings Ltd, d'autre part, en date du 20 février 2006.

Nouveau Projet

Dans le cadre du développement de ses activités en Guinée la Société BSGR Guinée a obtenu des permis de recherche pour la bauxite sur les zones de Tougué, Kéniéba, Bafing Makana et Dinguiraye selon les coordonnées géographiques ci-après.

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Permis I : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Koubia.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
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Permis II : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Koubia.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
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<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 09' 33''	12° 00' 00''
B	12° 09' 33''	11° 44' 31''
C	12° 00' 00''	11° 44' 31''
D	12° 00' 00''	12° 00' 00''

Permis IV : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Mali.

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A	12° 18' 07''	12° 00' 00''
B	12° 18' 07''	11° 42' 43''
C	12° 09' 45''	11° 42' 43''
D	12° 09' 45''	12° 44' 31''
E	12° 09' 33''	11° 44' 31''
F	12° 09' 33''	12° 00' 00''

Permis V : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Mali.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 20' 00''	11° 42' 43''
B	12° 20' 00''	11° 26' 27''
C	12° 09' 45''	11° 29' 26''
D	12° 09' 45''	12° 42' 43''



Permis VI : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Koubia.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 09' 45''	11° 29' 21''
B	12° 02' 40''	11° 20' 56''
C	11° 50' 00''	11° 20' 56''
D	11° 50' 00''	11° 30' 13''
E	12° 00' 00''	11° 30' 13''
F	12° 00' 00''	11° 29' 21''

Permis VII : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Tougué.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	11° 50' 00''	11° 30' 13''
B	11° 50' 00''	11° 15' 26''
C	11° 40' 00''	11° 15' 26''
D	11° 40' 00''	11° 30' 13''

Permis VIII : (500 Km²) - Préfectures de Tougué et Dinguiraye.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	11° 49' 35''	11° 15' 26''
B	11° 49' 35''	11° 00' 00''
C	11° 40' 00''	11° 00' 00''
D	11° 40' 00''	11° 15' 26''

Permis IX : (500 Km²) - Préfectures de Tougué, Dinguiraye et Koubia.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 02' 38''	11° 20' 55''
B	12° 05' 30''	11° 07' 58''
C	12° 05' 28''	11° 07' 33''
D	11° 49' 35''	11° 07' 33''
E	11° 49' 35''	11° 15' 26''
F	11° 50' 00''	11° 15' 26''
G	11° 50' 00''	11° 20' 55''

Permis X : (500 Km²) - Préfectures de Dinguiraye et Tougué.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 05' 24''	11° 07' 32''
B	12° 12' 13''	11° 02' 39''
C	12° 12' 17''	11° 00' 00''
D	11° 49' 35''	11° 00' 00''
E	11° 49' 35''	11° 07' 32''

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Permis XI : (422 Km²) - Préfecture de Dinguiraye.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 12' 17''	11° 00' 00''
B	12° 00' 12''	10° 47' 00''
C	12° 00' 12''	11° 00' 00''

La ligne A-B est tracée parallèle à la frontière Guinée Malienne à environ 200 m.

Permis XII : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Dinguiraye.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	12° 00' 12''	11° 00' 00''
B	12° 00' 12''	10° 46' 58''
C	11° 49' 51''	10° 45' 00''
D	11° 49' 51''	11° 00' 00''

Permis XIII : (500 Km²) - Préfecture de Dinguiraye.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>LATITUDE NORD</u>	<u>LONGITUDE OUEST</u>
A	11° 49' 51''	11° 00' 00''
B	11° 49' 51''	10° 45' 00''
C	11° 40' 00''	10° 45' 00''
D	11° 40' 00''	11° 00' 00''

Il est entendu que la délivrance de ces permis de recherche au profit de la Société BSGR Guinée entraîne, de fait, l'actionariat de Madame Mamadie TOURE dans ce projet de par la participation gratuite de 33,30% prévue selon des termes du Protocole d'Accord signé entre Madame Mamadie TOURE d'une part et Société Pentler Holdings Ltd, d'autre part, en date du 20 février 2006.

Fait en 2 exemplaires originaux

La société Pentler Holdings Ltd, représentée par Monsieur Avraham LEV RAN

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LE GREFFIER EN CHEF



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LETTRE D'ENGAGEMENT

Envers :

Madame Mamadie TOURE, femme d'affaires, de nationalité guinéenne, domiciliée à Dubreka

De :

La Société PENTLER HOLDINGS LTD, domiciliée à Akara Building, 24 de Castro Street, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, représentée par Monsieur Avraham LEV RAN

Etant préalablement exposé que

La Société BSGR Guinée s'est rapprochée des autorités guinéennes en vue d'établir un partenariat pour le développement et l'exploitation d'une partie des gisements de fer de SIMANDOU.

Dans le cadre de ce projet, BSGR Guinée a soumis aux autorités guinéennes une proposition qui permet l'actionnariat de la République de Guinée à hauteur de 15% et l'actionnariat de Madame Madadie TOURE en tant que partenaire locale à hauteur de 5%. A cet effet, la société BSGR Guinée constituera, avec la République de Guinée, une société anonyme à participation publique, qui sera dénommée Compagnie Minière de SIMANDOU.

Afin d'intégrer l'actionnariat de Madame Mamadie TOURE la société BSGR Guinée transférera 17,65% de son capital à la Société Pentler Holdings Ltd dont 33,30% du capital seront attribués à Madame Mamadie TOURE.

Les éléments exposés ci-dessus ont fait l'objet d'un Protocole d'Accord signé entre Madame Madadie TOURE d'une part et Société Pentler Holdings Ltd, d'autre part, en date du 20 février 2006.

Nouveau Projet

Dans le cadre du développement de ses activités en Guinée la Société BSGR Guinée a déposé une demande de permis de recherche pour la bauxite sur les zones de Tougué Nord, Boké et Télémélé Nord selon les coordonnées géographiques ci-après.



ZONE BAUXITE 1

	Latitude			Longitude		
A	12	24 05	N	12	0	W
B	11	56 30	N	10	46	W
C	11	30	N	10	45	W
D	11	30	N	10	39	W
E	11	12	N	10	39	W
F	11	12	N	11	5	W
G	11	16 17	N	11	5	W
H	11	17	N	11	35	W
I	11	40	N	11	35	W
J	11	40	N	11	46	W
K	12	0	N	11	45	W
L	12	0	N	12	0	W

ZONE BAUXITE 2

	Latitude			Longitude		
A	11	20	N	13	36	W
B	11	20	N	13	17	W
C	11	10	N	13	15	W
D	11	10	N	13	36	W

ZONE BAUXITE 1

	Latitude			Longitude		
A	11	0	N	14	40	W
B	11	0	N	14	10	W
C	10	55	N	14	10	W
D	10	55	N	13	54	W
E	10	40	N	13	55	W
F	10	40	N	14	14 28	W

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La société Matinda & Co. Ltd et madame Mamadie Toure s'engage par la présente de ne pas faire usage de ce document de quelque manière que ce soit directement ou indirectement et ne pas utiliser ce document contre la société Pentler et/ ou ses partenaires et/ou ses associés en Guinée ou ailleurs. Madame Mamadie Toure s'engage par la présente de prendre toutes les responsabilités sur toutes actions mené en Guinée par toute tierce partie contre Pentler et/ ou ses associées.

Signé à Freetown en date du... 03-03-2010

Pour Matinda & Co. Ltd
Mme Mamamdie Toure


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Pentler Holdings Ltd

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Signé à Freetown en date du... 03.08.2010

Pour Matinda & Co. Ltd
Mme Mamadie Toure


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Pentler Holdings Ltd


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**COMITÉ TECHNIQUE
DE REVUE DES TITRES
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N° 035 /CTRTCM/2013

RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE

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Travail - Justice - Solidarité

Conakry, le 07 mai 2013

CONFIDENTIEL

Le Président

Objet : Communication préliminaire d'éléments
du dossier

V/Réf :

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Monsieur Ricardo SAAD
Directeur du Projet Simandou
VBG - VALE BSGR GUINÉE
Cité Chemin de Fer - Immeuble Pita - 5^{ème} étage
B.P. 6389 - Conakry - République de Guinée

Monsieur le Directeur,

Le Comité Technique de Revue des Titres et Conventions Minières ("CTRTCM") a suivi de manière attentive les évolutions de la procédure pénale qui a récemment été ouverte aux États-Unis.

Le CTRTCM prend acte de la plainte pénale déposée par le Bureau fédéral d'investigation ("FBI") contre Monsieur Frédéric CILINS le 15 avril 2013 ("Plainte pénale") et de l'acte d'accusation rendu par le *grand Jury* du District Sud de New York le 25 avril 2013 ("Acte d'accusation").

Dans un premier temps, la Plainte pénale fait référence à un certain nombre d'accords écrits conclus par les sociétés BSG Resources Guinée ("BSGR Guinée") et Pentler Holdings Ltd. avec Madame Mamadie TOURE. L'ensemble des accords avaient expressément pour objet de garantir une rémunération, pécuniaire ou en nature, à Mme TOURE, alors épouse du Président Lansana CONTE, en contrepartie de son assistance en faveur de l'obtention par les sociétés BSGR Guinée et BSG Resources Limited ("BSGR") de droits miniers en République de Guinée.

Le Gouvernement de la République Guinée est en possession des originaux de ces accords, qui ont été communiqués au Gouvernement américain. L'authenticité des documents a été confirmée par des témoins lors d'interrogatoires menés par les autorités judiciaires.

À cet égard, le CTRTCM prend note du fait que les sociétés VBG, BSGR et BSGR Guinée n'ont, à aucun moment, publiquement nié l'existence et l'authenticité de ces contrats même lorsque leurs représentants ont été confrontés par des journalistes du *Financial Times* en possession de copies desdits contrats. Selon un article qui a paru dans le *Financial Times* du 21 avril 2013 (p. 1), BSGR aurait refusé tout simplement de commenter ces contrats.

Dans un deuxième temps, la Plainte pénale détaille les actions qu'auraient prises M. CILINS afin de convaincre Mme TOURE de détruire les originaux des contrats conclus entre elle et les sociétés BSGR Guinée et Pentler Holdings Ltd.

Le CTRTCM juge essentiel, avant de terminer son instruction du dossier et de tenir une audience administrative, d'accorder à la société VBG, en tant que titulaire apparent des droits miniers relatifs aux gisements de Simandou et de Zogota, la possibilité de réagir dès maintenant aux allégations la concernant. Pour ce faire, le CTRTCM joint à la présente les documents suivants :

- (i) Une copie de la Plainte pénale accompagnée d'une traduction française non-officielle ;
- (ii) Une copie de l'Acte d'accusation accompagné d'une traduction française non-officielle ; et
- (iii) Une copie des accords écrits signés avec Mme TOURE.

Le CTRTCM encourage notamment la société VBG à apporter des précisions quant à la valeur et l'interprétation qui devrait être donnée aux accords écrits joints à la présente et quant au rôle que M. CILINS aurait joué, selon les autorités américaines, dans la tentative de destruction de ces contrats.

Compte tenu du caractère particulièrement grave des faits allégués, le CTRTCM invite la société VBG à soumettre une réponse détaillée dans un délai de 7 jours à compter de la réception de la présente.

Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Directeur, en l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.




Nava TOURÉ

C.C. : - M. Scott Horton

