*Omega Engineering LLC & Oscar Rivera v. Republic Of Panama* 

ICSID Case No. ARB/16/42

## Claimants' Opening Statement

February 24, 2020



## **CLAIMANTS' OPENING STATEMENT**

- Melissa S. Gorsline—Partner, Jones Day
  - Claimants and Their Investment
  - Respondent's Wrongdoing and Corruption Allegations

## Charles T. Kotuby Jr.—Partner, Jones Day

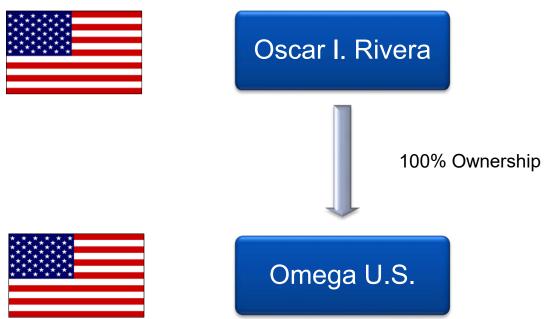
- Other Jurisdictional Objections and Treaty Standards
- Restitution and Quantum

## Carlos F. Concepción—Partner, Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Conclusion



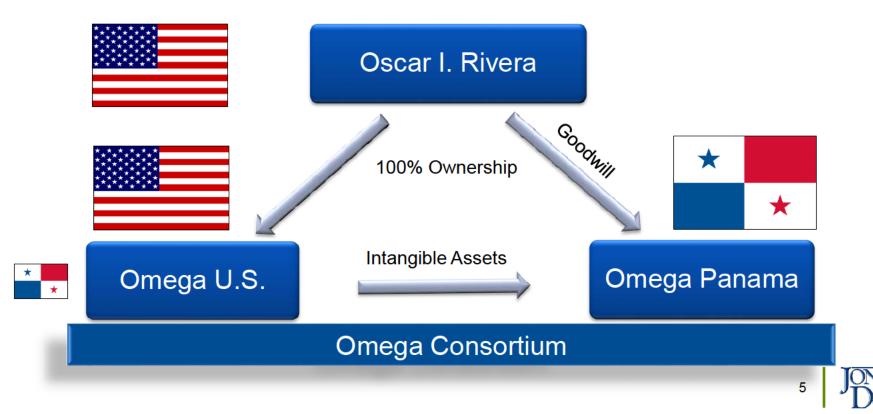






## **CLAIMANTS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE**





### **Claimants' Investment**



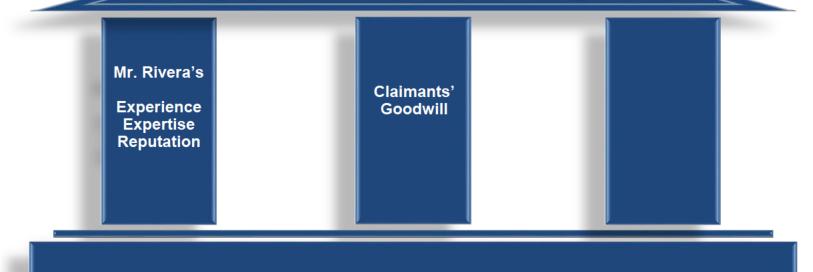


## Claimants' Investment





### **Claimants' Investment**





### **Claimants' Investment**

Mr. Rivera's Experience

Experience Expertise Reputation Claimants' Goodwill The Omega Consortium Contracts



## CLAIMANTS SUCCESSFULLY WON NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

- Minsa Capsi Contracts
  - Three medical facilities: MC Rio Sereno Contract, MC Kuna Yala Contract & the MC Puerto Caimito Contract (C-0028; C-0030; C-0031)
- Mercado Público de Colón Contract
  - Public market (C-0034)
- Ciudad de las Artes Contract
  - Higher education facility (C-0042)

- La Chorrera Contract
  - Courthouse and parking facility (C-0048)
  - Municipality of Panama Contract
    - Public markets (C-0056)
- Municipality of Colón Contract
  - Municipal hall and mayoral offices (C-0051)

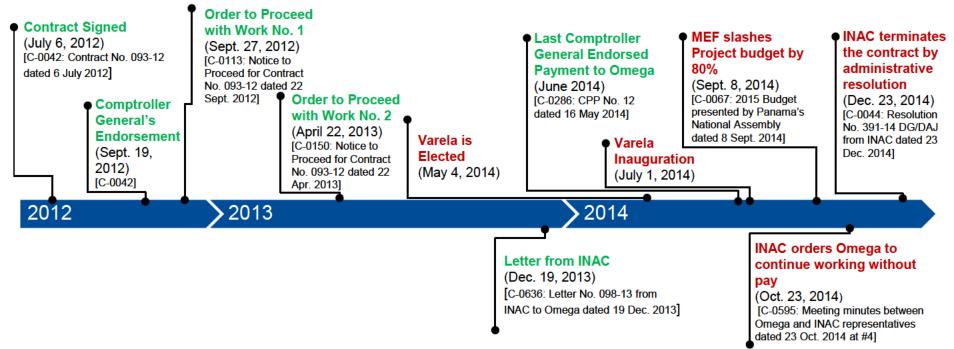


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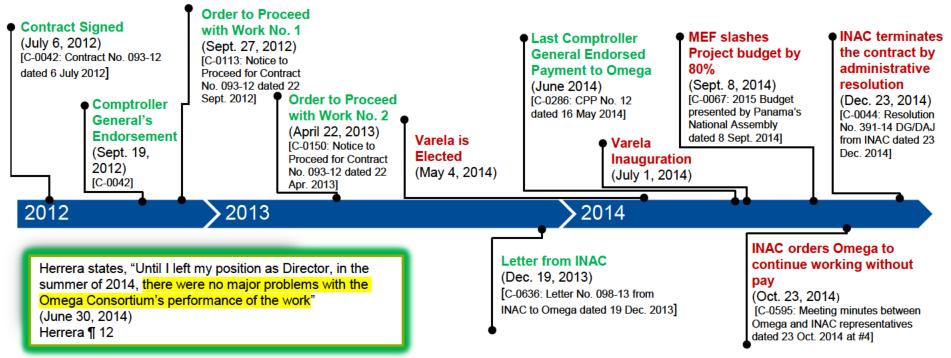
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- By the end of 2013, its revenue had reached nearly Compass Lexecon 2 ¶ 60
- Going forward its contracts were valued at over Compass Lexecon 1, Table VIII

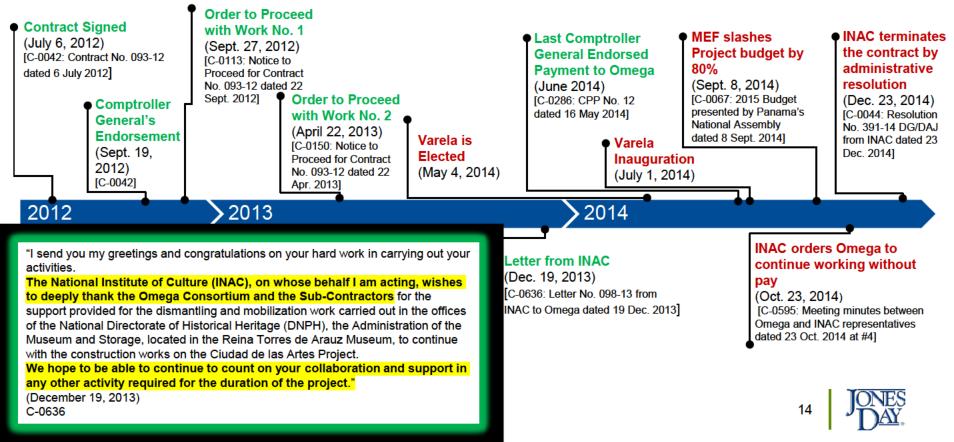


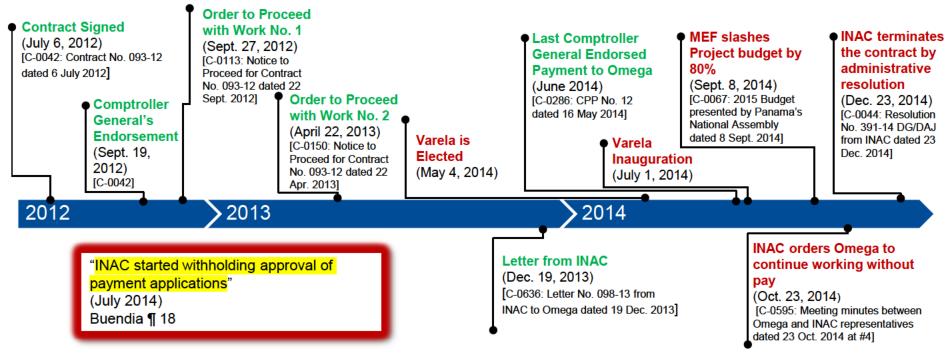




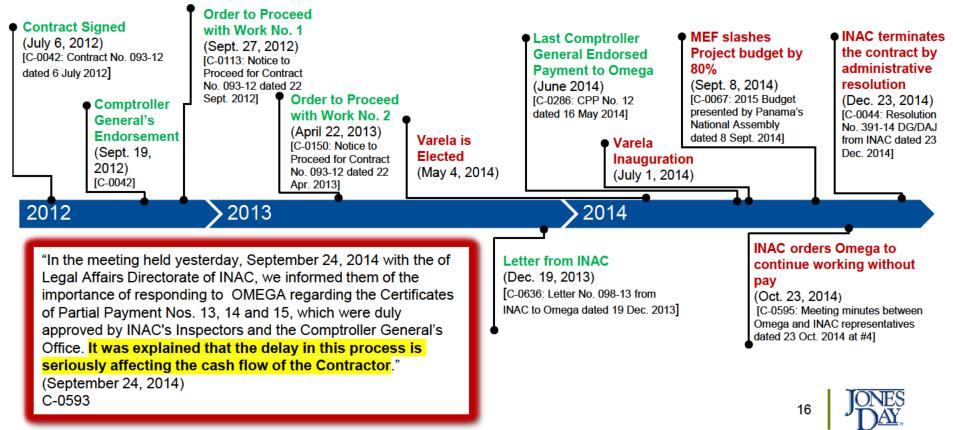


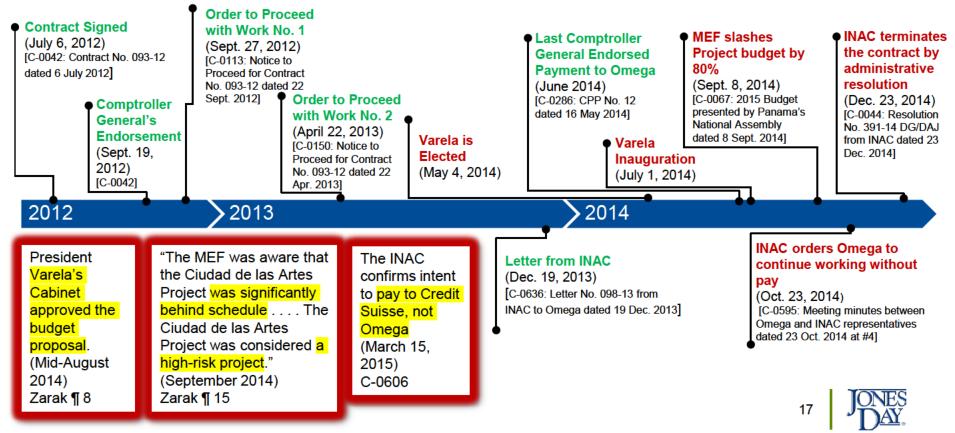












# **RESPONDENT BLOCKED OMEGA FROM OBTAINING ANY NEW GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

## Ciudad de las Artes

 Administrative Resolution terminating the Ciudad de las Artes Contract on 23 Dec. 2014

C-0044; C-0230: Resolution No. 391-14 DG/DAJ from INAC dated 23 Dec. 2014

## Municipality of Panama

 Administrative Resolution terminating the Municipality of Panama Contract on 28 Sept. 2016

C-0234: Resolution No. C-10-2017 dated 28 Sept. 2016

## Prohibition on Public Bidding

Omega prohibited from bidding until 15 Feb. 2020

C-0443: List of Debarred Companies, PANAMACOMPRA



## PRESIDENT VARELA PERSONALLY CONTROLLED BUDGET DECISIONS

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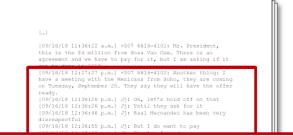
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C-0834: Chat with Dulcidio de la Guardia, then-Minister of Finance & Economy dated 24 Apr. 2017 through 12 Oct. 2018



09/16/18 12:27:27 p.m.] +507 6616-4102: Another thing: I have a meeting with the Mexicans from Soho, they are coming on Tuesday, September 25. They say they will have the offer ready. [09/16/18 12:36:26 p.m.] Jj: Ok, let's hold off on that [09/16/18 12:36:26 p.m.] Jj: Until they ask for it [09/16/18 12:36:46 p.m.] Jj: Raul Hernandez has been very disrespectful [09/16/18 12:36:55 p.m.] Jj: But I do want to pay [09/16/18 12:37:30 p.m.] Jj: They're friends [09/16/18 12:37:30 p.m.] Jj: Hold on to it until they call [09/16/18 12:37:34 p.m.] +507 6616-4102: Ok

> C-0819: Chat with Eyda Varela de Chinchilla, then Panama's Minister of Economy & Finance dated 14 Sep. 2018 through 5 Oct. 2018



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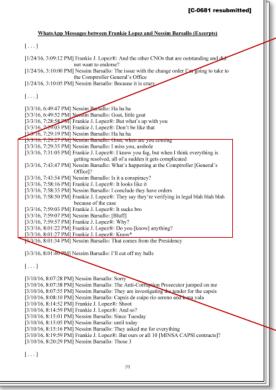
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C-0681: WhatsApp message between Frankie Lopez and Nessim Barsallo dated 3 Mar. 2016

- On 26 November 2015, Victor Almengor, an in-house attorney at the Colón Municipality, told Mr. Lopez that Mr. Varela wanted to rescind the Omega Consortium's contract with that entity.
- On 3 December 2015, Mr. Mandarakas, an engineer working for the Judiciary in the La Chorrera Project, told Mr. Lopez that the decision to terminate the La Chorrera Contract had come from above.
- Mr. Barsallo from MINSA, told Mr. Lopez that he had concluded that there were orders coming from the Presidency to the Comptroller General's Office to interfere with the Omega Consortium's Contracts.
- Mr. Policani, the Mayor of Colon, also confirmed to Mr. Lopez that he had received instructions to cancel the Municipality of Colon Project, and that the pressure he was receiving from the Presidency was severe.
- Guillermo Bermudez from the Municipality of Panama personally told Mr. Lopez he had instructions to halt the Omega Consortium's project until the Moncada Luna investigation had been finalized.
- Mr. Blandon, the Mayor of Panama and an ally and appointee of President Varela, informed Mr. Lopez that he did not want the Mercados Perifericos projects, and that he wanted to build a warehouse in the place where the Juan Diaz Market was being built.



## PRESIDENT VARELA DIRECTED ASSAULT: "THAT COMES FROM THE PRESIDENCY"



C-0681: WhatsApp message between Frankie Lopez and Nessim Barsallo dated 3 Mar. 2016

Frankie J. Lopez: Lo se [ . . . ] pero xndo pienso q todo esta resolviendose de repente se complica
["I know [ . . . ] but when I think everything is getting resolved suddenly it gets complicated"]
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["It looks like it"]
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["I conclude they have orders"]
Frankie Lopez: Disq tan verificando en legal bla bla bla por el caso
["The say they're verifying in legal blah blah blah because of the case"]

Frankie J. Lopez: Tu cabes algo? ["Do you [know] anything"] Frankie J. Lopez: Sabes\* ["Know\*"] Nessim Barsallo: Eso es de presidencoa ["That comes from the Presidency"]<sup>325</sup>

See Cls' Reply ¶ 103



#### **CONTAINS PROTECTED INFORMATION**

## MR. VARELA PURSUED MR. RIVERA TO TEST LOYALTY

[	46	Inbox	From	9/17/2012	Read	Hey, check WhatsApp
				11:49:27		Messenger for BlackBerry,
						Iphone, Android and Nokia.
			Juan Carlos	PM (UTC + 0)		Download it from
			Varela*			http://whatsapp.com/dl/ and
						say good bye to the SMS (Juan
						Carlos Varela)
						Source file: Oscar Rivera's
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						0x1559C3
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C-0518: WhatsApp messages from Ana Graciela Medina to Oscar Rivera dated 17 Sept. 2012

### **RESPONDENT FALSELY DENIES LA TRONA MEETING OCCURRED**

The evidence shows that at that time the Claimants abandoned their projects and fled Panama:

work was stopped, efforts to communicate with the Claimants failed, and requests to interview

Mr. Rivera and other representatives of the Clai Justice Moncada Luna were refused.

8. <u>Second</u>, the evidence does not support the or harnssed in any way. According to the Claima refused to make a campaign contribution to thenin 2012. There is no credible evidence that this re references this request in his witness statement, the letter, or document in evidence confirming his ace that their respective ministries were never directed the Claimants.

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on work that was never completed when they abandoned the country. A fair accounting, therefore, shows that the Claimants would be owed substantially less – if anything at all – on their existing projects. With respect to the "potential new contracts," the Claimants' entire claim is speculative and based on unreliable and unsubstantiated assumptions. Finally, the Claimants' interest calculation is based on an incorrect and unsubstantiated rest.

10. Under the circumstances, the Claimants' case does not withstand scrutiny. While the Claimants adopt the role of victim, the reality is that they engaged in bribery and then walked out on their contracts, leaving the Panamanian government with unfinished projects and underserved

Claimants' Memorial § 236(c)(ii).

Resp.'s Counter-Mem. ¶8

## VARELALEAKS PROVE THE LA TRONA MEETING OCCURRED

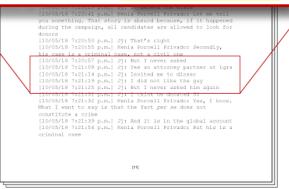
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C-0821: Chat with Kenia Porcell, then-Attorney General dated 16 Nov. 2017 to 5 Oct. 2018

#### [C-0822]

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[10/05/18 7:23:34 p.m.] Raul Sandoval: I don't even remember well who was there [10/05/18 7:23:44 p.m.] Jj: Ana you I c [10/05/18 7:30:08 p.m.] Raul Sandoval: I think Jordi, Cholito

> [1/0/05/19 /114/17 p.m.] RAU Sandovari it is preferable to postpone the trip and we'll look into it next week [10/05/18 7:13:134 p.m.] Jj: Tell him that we'll meet on Medneaday [10/05/18 7:23:134 p.m.] Raul Sandoval: 1 don't even remember well who was there [10/05/18 7:23:144 p.m.] Jj: Ana you I c [10/05/18 7:23:144 p.m.] Jj: Ana you I c [10/05/18 7:23:144 p.m.] Jj: I saw the occar thing [10/06/18 6:39:154 a.m.] Jj: I saw the occar thing [10/06/18 6:39:154 a.m.] Jj: I saw the occar thing [10/06/18 6:39:19 a.m.] Jj: I need you to find, in the global account, a check for, I think, 30 or 50 that he issued

C-0822: Chat with Raul Sandoval, President Varela's Private Secretary dated 5 Oct. 2018 to 6 Oct. 2018



## PRESIDENT VARELA ADMITS REQUESTING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

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[10/05/18 7:20:19 p.m.] Jj: To defend the state [10/05/18 7:20:41 p.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: Let ne tell you something. That story is abourd because, if it happened during the campaign, all candidates are allowed to look for donors

[10/05/18 7:20:50 p.m.] Jj: That's right [10/05/18 7:20:55 p.m.] Kenia Percell Privado: Secondly, his case is a criminal case, not a civil one [10/05/18 7:20:57 p.m.] Jj: But I never asked [10/05/18 7:21:19 p.m.] Jj: Yes an attorney partner at iara [10/05/18 7:21:19 p.m.] Jj: Nited me to dinner [10/05/18 7:21:19 p.m.] Jj: Anvited me to dinner

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[10/05/18 7:21:31 p.m.] Jj: I think he donated 50 [10/05/18 7:21:32 p.m.] Kenia Percell Privado: Yes, I know. What I want to say is that the fact per se does not constitute a crime

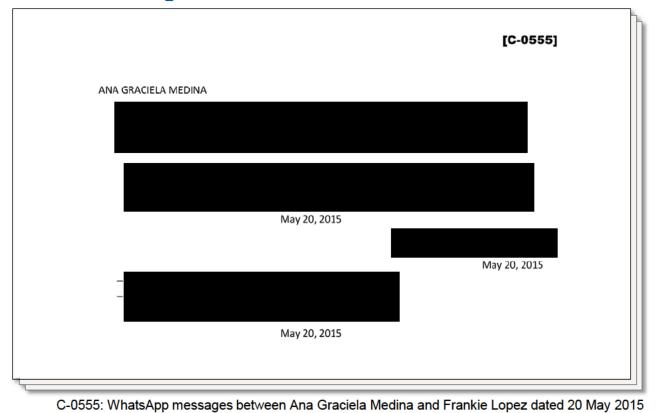
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#### **CONTAINS PROTECTED INFORMATION**

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JONES DAY.

## VARELA TARGETS "THE CHILDREN OF R[ICARDO] M[ARTINELLI]."

[04/30/18 8:45:40 a.m.] Jj: Good morning attorney general [04/30/18 8:46:04 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: Hello Sir [04/30/18 8:46:14 a.m.] Jj: I call you [04/30/18 8:50:49 a.m.] Jj: About RM kids for you to know, farah will call the prosecutor so that she may send to her the notification that the criminal jurisdiction was lifted. She needs that before notifying the lawyers. The thing is that once she notifies the lawyers it will be difficult to refuse to deliver any copies They will be part of a report with a folio and the law would force us do it. I could inform the pgn [Attorney General] but I don't know maybe you want to handle it? [04/30/18 8:51:26 a.m.] Jj: She says the law obliges her [04/30/18 8:53:59 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: 2 points: - the notification of extradition - the delivery of the copies Meaning she should notify the extradition today and take her time for the copies request [04/30/18 8:54:16 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: That's what Tania was talking about [04/30/18 8:55:09 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: Do not deliver the copies today. Make RE take the legal time to deliver them. [04/30/18 8:55:39 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: And this would allow delivering the extradition and avoiding they file an appeal to the vice [04/30/18 8:55:47 a.m.] Kenia Porcell Privado: That's my opinion

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## RESPONDENT'S WRONGDOING DESTROYED CLAIMANTS' INVESTMENT

**Claimants' Investment** 

Mr. Rivera's Experience Expertise

Reputation

Claimants' Goodwill



## **RESPONDENT CAUSED OMEGA TO LOSE SURETY**

From: Cruz,Nancy [mailto:NCRUZ1@travelers.com] Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 5:28 PM To: Eduardo Marti-Martinez

Cc: Freitas-Pacciulii, Fatima; Delgado, Cesar D; Menendez, Eddie; Fulmer, Jac

Subject: RE: OMEGA ENGIN RESTAURACION Y REHABILI

#### Eduardo,

We discussed your conce the Travelers. After our c to the cession of the conf It is not clear whether th guarantee to the surety r ASSA with several questi contractor's and surety's

At this point, due to the of Panama, we would not be The default on the larges operations if a resolution situation in Panama if the the surety and the surety support additional work i

Regards, Nanoy Cruz | Managing Dired Travelers 3230 W. Commercial Bivd. | Su Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 W: 954.677.3374 F: 866.829.6



At this point, due to the current declaration of default and the response time (30 days) required in Panama, we would not be in position to support bids for PR with the Panama outcome still unclear. The default on the largest job in Panama has the potential to put at risk both the Panama and PR operations if a resolution is not reached. Both companies could be at risk with this particular situation in Panama if the options to resolve do not involve a full release of Omega's obligations to the surety and the surety's obligations to the government. Until further notice, we will not be able support additional work in PR. We will keep you posted on our discussions with ASSA.

Regards, Nancy Cruz | Managing Director/Construction Services | Bond & Specialty Insurance Travelers 3230 W. Commercial Blvd. | Suite 390 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 W: 954.677.3374 F: 866.829.0379 C: 954.309.1064





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Compañía de Seguros

March 3, 2015 VPET-007-2015

ASSA

Mr OSCAR RIVERA President OMEGA CONSORTIUN This City

RE: REQUEST TO PROVIDE GUARANTEE/PERFORMANCE BOND No. 85864510 and ADVANCE PAYMENT BOND No. 87850808

#### Dear Mr. Rivera.

As per Article 1534 of the Civil Code and the Indemnity Documents which Omera Engineering, U.C and Omega Engineering, Inc. as members of the OMEGA CONSORTIUM, granted in favor of ASSA Compañía de Seguros, S.A. (hereinafter ASSA) as a condition precedent for ASSA to issue Performance Bond No. 85864510 and Advance Payment Bond No. 87850808 pertaining to Contract No. 93-12 for the purpose of carrying out the Studies, Design, Provision of Materials, Labor, Equipment, Administration and Construction of the City of the Arts Project, hereby we request that OMEGA CONSORTIUM and/or any or all of its members provide a cash collateral in the sum of thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000.00) legal currency of the United States, corresponding to the amount of the bonded sums

As you are aware, the National Institute of Culture (INAC, by its acromym in Spanish) issued Resolution No. 391/14 DG/DRI on December 23, 2014 (hereinafter the RESOLUTION) for the purpose of declaring the termination of Contract No. 93-12 due to default by OMEGA CONSORTIUM and in the RESOLUTION. INAC expresses that the date of the Order to Proseed was April 23, 2013.

Last January 27, 2015, INAC advised ASSA by means of Note No. DG7845 dated January 27, 2015 that the RESOLUTION was delivered to the contractor's offices the same day, January 27, 2015; and last February 19, 2014, INAC notified ASSA by means of Note No. 056/DAJ that the RESOLUTION is duly enforceable

0806-05622 Panama, Rep. of Panama Telephone (587) 380-ASSA (308-2772) Fax (S07) 300-3729 Internet www.essamet.com Mr. Oscar Rivera

"Dear Mr. Rivera,

[C-0382]

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> C-0382: Letter No. VPET-007-2015 from ASSA to the Omega Consortium dated 3 Mar. 2015



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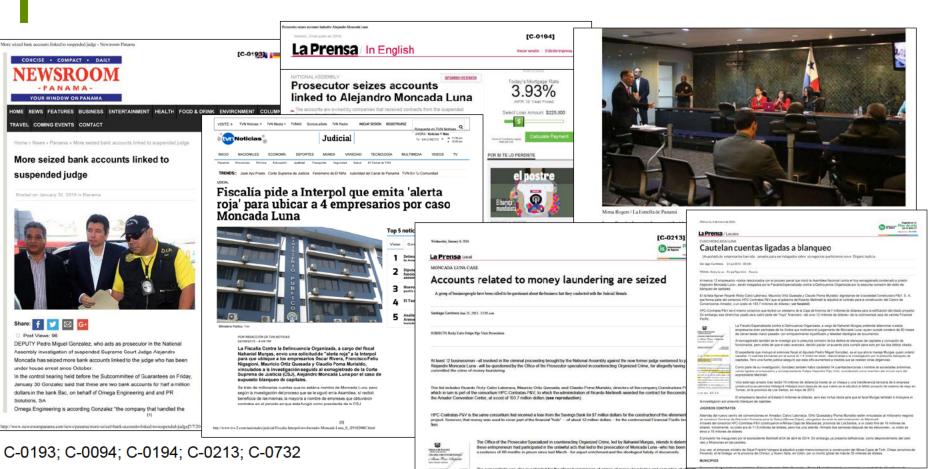
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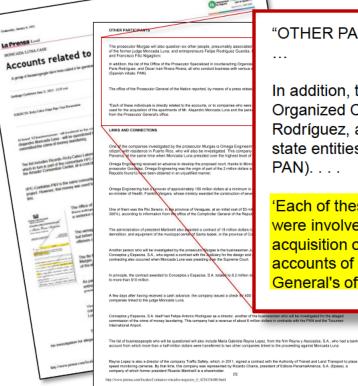
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## **RESPONDENT DESTROYED MR. RIVERA'S REPUTATION**



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[C-0213]

#### **"OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

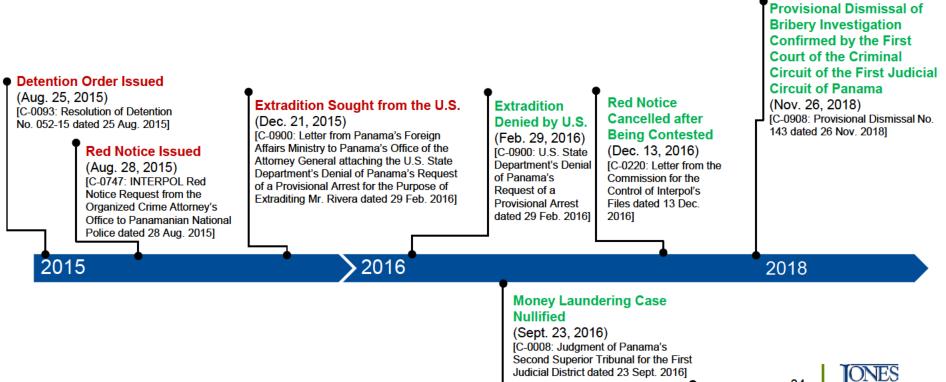
In addition, the list of the Office of the Prosecutor Specialized in counteracting Organized Crime includes the entrepreneurs Jorge Espino Méndez, Julián Paris Rodríguez, and Óscar Iván Rivera Rivera; all who conduct business with various state entities, among them the controversial National Aid Program (Spanish initials: PAN)....

'Each of these individuals is **directly related** to the accounts, or to companies who were involved in the mobilization of the funds, which ultimately were used for the acquisition of the apartments of Mr. Alejandro Moncada Luna and the personal accounts of Mr. Luna and his wife,' said the press release from the Prosecutor General's office."

> C-0213: Accounts related to money laundering are seized, LA PRENSA dated 21 Jun. 2015

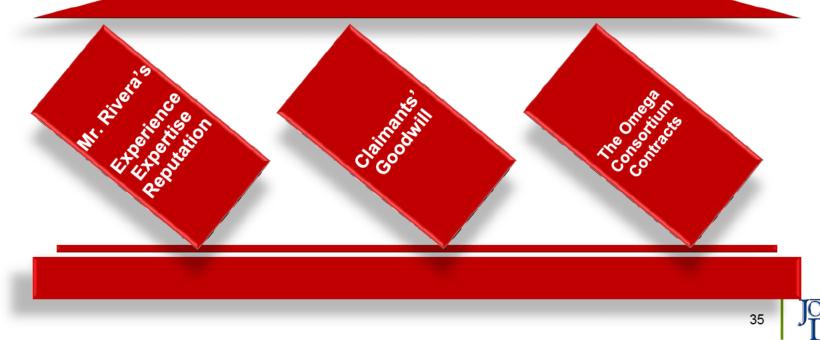


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# **RESPONDENT BEARS THE BURDEN OF PROVING ITS CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS**

- The evidence must be "clear," "fully proven," "obvious" or "manifest"
  - "The above omissions are **clear** and were **duly proven** in the case."
  - "In the proceedings, it was fully proven that the Claimant was not only not dedicated to operating vehicle inspection stations, but it also did not have any operations or employees."
  - "Consequently, it is **obvious** that Inceysa also presented false information concerning its own experience and capacity, thus violating, once again, one of the essential pillars that led El Salvador to award the bid to it."
    - Inceysa v. El Salvador (CL-0067) ¶¶ 108, 109, 118



# **RESPONDENT BEARS THE BURDEN OF PROVING ITS CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS**

#### Respondent bears the burden of proving its corruption allegations.

- "However, when allegations of corruption are raised, either as part of a claim or as part of a defense, the party asserting that corruption occurred must establish the corruption through clear and convincing evidence."

Submission of the United States of America dated 3 February 2020 ¶ 45

### **RESPONDENT AGREES ON KEY POINTS OF FACTS AND LAW**

- The *only* allegation of corruption concerns only *one* of the eight contracts at issue, and post-dates the establishment of Claimants' investment by *years*.
  - "If, at the time of the initiation of the investment, there has been compliance with the law of the host state, allegations by the host state of violations of its law in the course of the investment, as a justification for state action with respect to the investment . . . could not deprive a tribunal acting under the authority of the BIT of its jurisdiction." *Fraport* (CL-0124) ¶ 345
  - "The Tribunal considers that a distinction has to be drawn between (1) legality as at the initiation of the investment . . . and (2) legality during the performance of the investment." *Hamester* (RL-0006) ¶ 127



### **RESPONDENT AGREES ON KEY POINTS OF FACTS AND LAW**

- Claimants have been investigated for over five years in Panama, and never been tried or convicted of any crime. Investigations have been nullified or dismissed, and prescription periods have run.
  - "DECLARE the nullity of every act in the criminal proceedings officially initiated and based on accusations from members from the community, for the allegations of money laundering, against ... OSCAR IVÁN RIVERA, ID No. (a second secon
  - "Based on the above considerations, we respectfully recommend to the Honorable Court that a ruling be issued ordering OBJECTIVE AND IMPERSONAL PROVISIONAL DISMISSAL ..." (C-0942)
  - "The United States cannot proceed with the provisional arrest request at this time, as it does not contain sufficient factual support linking Rivera Rivera to the money laundering charge." (C-0900)



## **RESPONDENT GROSSLY DISTORTS THE FACTUAL RECORD**

The Claimants paid bribes to Justice Moncada Luna in exchange for an award of the

La Chorrera Contract. This conduct taints all of the Claimants' investments in

Panama and deprives the Tribunal of jurisdiction over their claims.

Reply in Support of Respondent's Preliminary Objections ¶ 6

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R-0062: Jorge Enrique Villalba, Preliminary Financial Analysis Report in Case No. 049-15 dated 05 June 2015 at p. 22



#### **CONTAINS PROTECTED INFORMATION**

#### **CLAIMANTS' PAYMENTS TO REYNA WERE LEGITIMATE**

#### Ms. Maria Gabriela Reyna Lopez

#### [C-0078 resubmitted]

PURCHASE AND SALE PROMISE AGREEMENT

The undersigned, namely, JR BOCAS INVESTMENTS, INC., an existing corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of Panama, duly registered under the Merchants Section of the Public Registry, on File 481968, Document 758532, represented herein by MARIA GABRIELA REYNA LOPEZ, female, from Panamo al age, neighbour of this city, holder of personal identification document No. duly authorized for this act, who shall hereinafter be referred to as THE SELLER OFFEROR, on the one hand and on the other. PUNELA DEVELOPMENT CORP., an existing corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of Panama, duly registered under the Me chants Section of the Public Registry, under represented herein by LUIS E. MONTANO G ama, of legal age, neighbour of this gity, holder of personal duly authorized in this act, who shall be hereinafter referred identification document to as the BUYER OFFENOR, have agreed to enter into, as in fact they do. this Purchase and Sale Promise Agreement, which is comprised of the following clauses: ONE: The SELLER OFFEROR, proprietor of the Ranch No. 35059, registered under Document 1162072, Unification Code 7603, under the Real Property Section, Province of Los Santos, District of Tonosi, Corregimiento Carias from the Public Registry, which is made up of a plot of land with a surface of seven heptares, nine thousand and seventeen square meters, which measurements, borders and other details are registered with the Public Registry, which hereinafter is referred to as the RAINCH. TWO: The SELLER OFFEROR declares to commit to sell the BUYER OFFEROR and the latter commits to buy from the first one THE RANCH. In accordance with the price convened and adjusted of ONE MILLION AMERICAN DOLLARS WITH 00/100 (\$1,000.000.00), legal tender of the United States of America, which The BUYER OFFEROR must pay to the SELLER OFFEROR in the following way: One initial payment of the twenty-five percent (25%) of the total price of the RANCH, that is to say, the amount of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND AMERICAN DOLLARS WITH 00/100 (\$250,000.00), legal tender of the United States of America, which shall be payable within ten (10) days following the execution of this agreement. The payment above-described shall be paid through certified check or cashier's check in favour of the law firm Reyna & Associados, which shall not as the Depository Agent oustodian of the fund ind payment for the amount of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND AMERICAN A 100 DOLLARS WITH 00/100, payable within sixty (60) business days from the first payment date C The amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AMERICAN DOLLARS WITH 00/100 (3750.000.00). legal tender of the United States of America, payable once it is duly registered with the Public Registry of Notarial Deeds, part of the final purchase and sale agreement, through which the SELLER OFFEROR transfers the RANCH to the BUYER OFFEROR. In order to guarantee the payment of the remaining balance covered under "b" above, the BUYER OFFEROR shall make the payment of said balance through an Irrevocable Promise of Payment Letter, issued by a General Faculties local Bank, acceptable by the SELLER OFFEROR, which shall be delivered to the SELLER OFFEROR by the BUYER OFFEROR, within sixty (60) days following the execution of this contract THREE: The parties agree that both the BUYER OFFEROR and the SELLER OFFER OR commit to sign the pertaining Notarial Deed part of the purchase and sale agreement of the RANCH in favour of the BUYER OFFEROR within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the execution of this contract. This term may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

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C-0078: Promise of Purchase and Sale Agreement dated April 2013



### CLAIMANTS' PAYMENTS TO REYNA WERE LEGITIMATE

#### Ms. Maria Gabriela Reyna Lopez

"I just want to clarify that the real estate operations carried out with PUNELA INVESTMENT (OMEGA) and with ALPHA BUSINESS CORP **are perfectly legal and legitimate acquisitions**. I don't believe that there are any links of any other kind of relationship between OMEGA and the people related to Mr. Ricardo Calvo and other people . . . ."

"He suggested including the Concepto y Espacios payment within the legitimate operations of my client JR BOCAS INVESTMENT."

Supplemental Declaration of Maria Gabriela Reyna Lopez dated 14 July 2015 (C-0089 resubmitted), at 5, 8.

- See also Jimenez 2 at 38



## THE LAND TRANSACTION WAS LEGITIMATE

#### Mr. Troyano's Expert Report

 "In my experience, and after analyzing the documentation that was provided to me, I conclude that the Agreement signed by JR Bocas Investment Inc. and Punela Development Corp. is a Promise of Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property, as its title indicates, and **this Agreement is legally valid**. This conclusion is based on the intrinsic content of the clauses contained in the Agreement in question, and in particular those clauses in which the literal meaning and evident intention of the parties show that the parties intended to enter into a Promise of Purchase and Sale for real property."

- Troyano ¶ 14



## THE LAND TRANSACTION WAS LEGITIMATE

#### **ARC's Expert Report**

- "We conclude that the sales price according to the promise of purchase agreement for FINCA 35659, of \$12.65 per square meter is considered to be reasonable and within the market range in Cañas at the time of purchase." – ARC 1 at p. 2
- "The Azuero Peninsula, and Finca 35659 in particular, are home to some of the most unique and attractive attributes in the Panamanian real estate market, including a dry climate, road access, water access, and gentle topography with unobstructed ocean views, making the land highly desirable for investment and project development." – ARC 2 at p. 33
- "Ultimately, what Respondent and its experts contend are deficiencies in the Promise of Purchase and Sale Agreement are instead mere formalities that are by no means necessary when closing a real estate transaction in Panama, which explains the absence of items like an appraisal and irrevocable promise of payment agreement. Finally, the terms of the Promise of Purchase and Sale Agreement are reasonable in our experience." – ARC 2 at p. 33

#### Mr. Rivera's testimony

 "Further, to make sure the deal was done properly, I secured Panamanian counsel, specifically the law firm of IGRA which at the time was considered one of the most reputable law firms in Panama. IGRA advised not only on the preparation of the Promise Agreement, but also on how the transaction would work." – Rivera 3 ¶ 12



# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DID NOT PROVE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CLAIMANTS

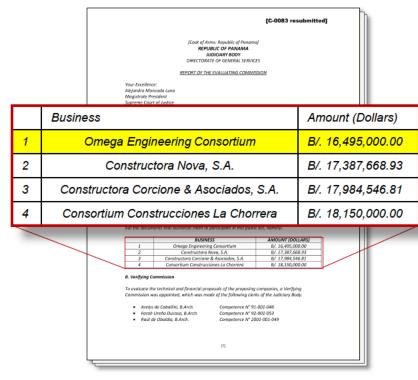
Panama's Designated Prosecutor:

Omega Panama and PR Solutions were "in the range of companies *not linked to the unjustified assets of [Moncada Luna]* according to the theory of the case of the prosecution."

Transcript of Moncada Luna's Sentencing Hearing dated 5 Mar. 2015 (C-0930) at 26:36



## **NO EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION IN LA CHORRERA CONTRACT**



C-0083: Report from the Vetting Commission dated 9 Oct. 2012 at 1

E. RESULTADOS DE EVALUACION/CUADRO No.2 LICITACIÓN ABREVIADA POR MEJOR VALOR Nº2012-0-30-0-08-AV-004833



CONSTRUCCIÓN DE UN EDIFICIO PARA LA UNIDAD JUDICIAL REGIONAL DEL DISTRITO DE LA CHORRERA

No.	EMPRESAS	CAPACIDAD FINANCIERA	HISTORIAL DE RECLAMOS	PRECIO DE PROPUESTA	EXPERIENCIA DE LA EMPRESA	PERSONAL DE LA EMPRESA	METODOLOGÍA DE EJECUCIÓN	TOTAL
	PLIEGO DE CARGOS	25	5	30.00	25	10	5	100.00
1	CONSORCIO OMEGA ENGINEERING	25	5	30	25	10	5	100
2	CONSTRUCTORA NOVA S.A.	20	5	28.14	13.66	10	2	78.8
3	CONSTRUCTORA CORCIONE Y ASOC. S.A.	20	5	27.52	25	10	2	89.52
4	CONSORCIO CONSTRUCCIONES LA CHORRERA	25	5	27.26	25	10	5	97.26

C-0083 at 7

#### **NO EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION IN LA CHORRERA CONTRACT**

"The methodology used to prepare this Report has been that of a 'blind' analysis by each of the experts, which entails individually assessing the contractual documentation (Annex 2 of the Report identifies the documents of the bid file analyzed in the Expert Report) without any knowledge of the scores awarded by the Evaluation Committee....

The two evaluations agree on the winning company of the Bid: CONSORCIO OMEGA ENGINEERING, as well as in its score, which is 100 POINTS."

Public Contracts Experts at 3, 6

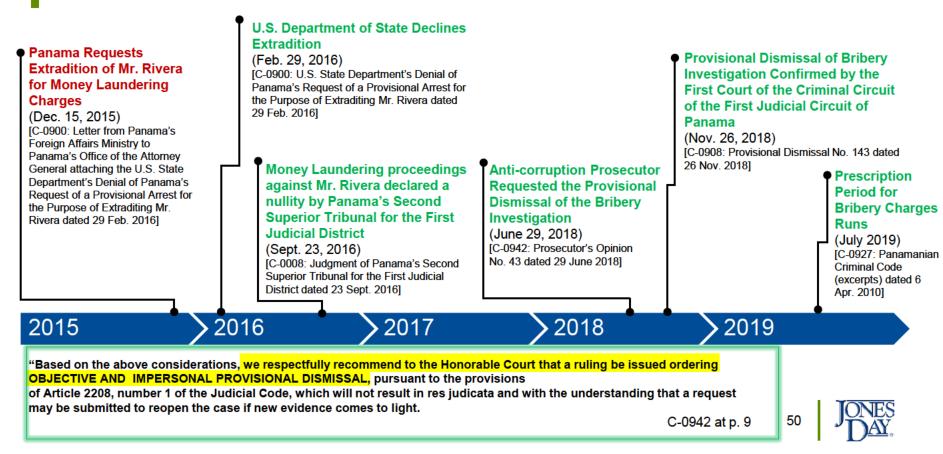
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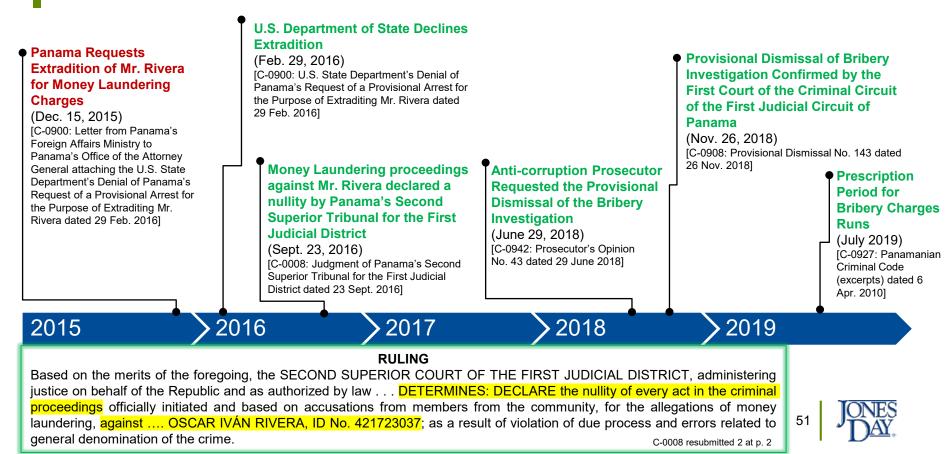
> Vielsa Rios 1 ¶ 12 See also Vielsa Rios 2 ¶¶ 5-6



I conclude that Panama failed to prove that Omega and/or Mr. Rivera engaged in corrupt acts for the following reasons:

- Panama did not provide any evidence that the La Chorrera contract was corruptly awarded to Omega.
- Panama did not provide any evidence that other individuals who would have been coconspirators in a corrupt awarding of the La Chorrera contract were investigated or charged including the bid's vetting commission, Vielsa Rios, and the Comptroller General.
- Panama did not provide any evidence of communications, meetings, phone calls, meeting with intermediaries, witness testimony, alleged co-conspirator testimony or other documents evidencing either the bid scheme or quid pro quo.
- Panama relied on flawed financial analysis in the Aguirre and Villalba Reports as well as in Resolutions prepared by both the Organized Crime Prosecutor and Corruption Prosecutor. The flawed financial analysis was the key evidence provided and this evidence is inconclusive, meaning that the allegation that Omega and/or Mr. Rivera was the payor of a bribe to Mr. Moncada Luna is nothing more than a guess.
- Panama provided testimony transcripts and witness statements/declarations from a variety of people including Judicial Authority employees, employees of Omega and competitors of Omega, none of which implicate Omega or Mr. Rivera in any corrupt act.





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#### III. CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

46. For the reasons set forth above and specified in Panama's Redfern schedule, Panama respectfully requests that this Tribunal dery Claimants' overbroad, vogue, inclevant and

unreasonably burdensome requests for production, pursuant to Articles 3 and 9 of the IBA Rules

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The Republic of Panama's Memorandum in Support of Its Objections to Claimants' Document Requests ¶ 44



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EXIGER

#### Purpose and Methodology

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Expert Report of Mr. Roy Pollitt dated 15 Nov. 2019 at 1



## U.S. GOVERNMENT DENIED EXTRADITION DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

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	stand trial in Panama for the crime of money laundering, in violation of Chapter
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REPUBLIC OF PANAMA Ministry of Foreign Relations	Code of Panama.
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"It is also my opinion that **Panama failed to show—and certainly could not have proved—that Omega and/or Mr. Rivera engaged in money laundering with respect to corruption allegations involving Moncada Luna.** Panama relied exclusively on bank transaction analysis to link Mr. Rivera and Omega to Mr. Moncada Luna. However, Panama's bank transaction analyses included mathematical errors, illogical assumptions, contradictory interpretations of the same set of transactions and missing days/weeks/months of transactions during which Panama has no idea what happened and cannot ascribe the transactions to anyone, let alone Omega or Mr. Rivera.

The flawed transaction analyses invalidates Panama's corruption and money laundering allegations against Omega and Mr. Rivera and severs any claimed "link" between Omega and/or Mr. Rivera and Mr. Moncada Luna. Moreover, **Panama was unable to produce any other evidence of supposed corruption or money laundering such as communications, witness testimony or computer records to support their conclusion.** Finally, Panama failed to either investigate or failed to produce evidence of investigations into certain other individuals who may have been linked to the unjust enrichment of Mr. Moncada Luna."

Jimenez 2 at p. 3



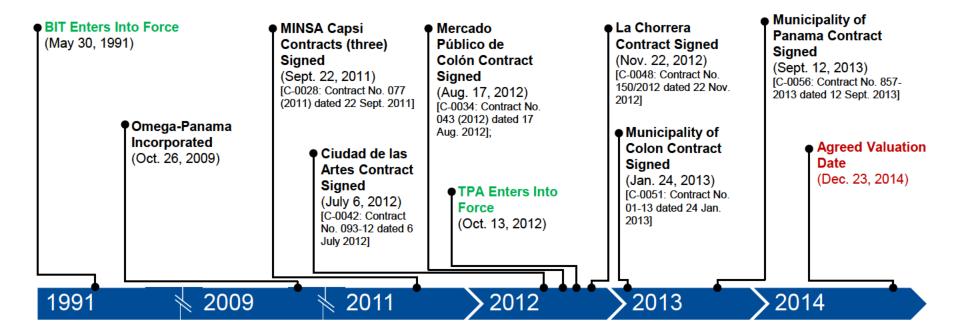
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### THE BIT AND THE TPA: A CHRONOLOGY



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### THE TPA COVERS THE ENTIRETY OF CLAIMANTS' INVESTMENT

#### Article 1.3: Relation to Other Agreements

1. The Parties affirm their existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under the WTO Agreement and other agreements to which the Parties are party.

2. Articles VII and VIII of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama Concerning the Treatment and Protection of Investments, with Annex and Agreed Minutes, signed at Washington on October 27, 1982 (the "Treaty") shall be suspended on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

- 3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2,
  - (a) for a period of ten years beginning on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, Articles VII and VIII of the Treaty shall not be suspended:
    - (i) in the case of investments covered by the Treaty as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement; or
    - (ii) in the case of a dispute that arose prior to the date of entry into force of this Agreement and that is otherwise eligible to be submitted for settlement under Article VII or VIII of the Treaty; and

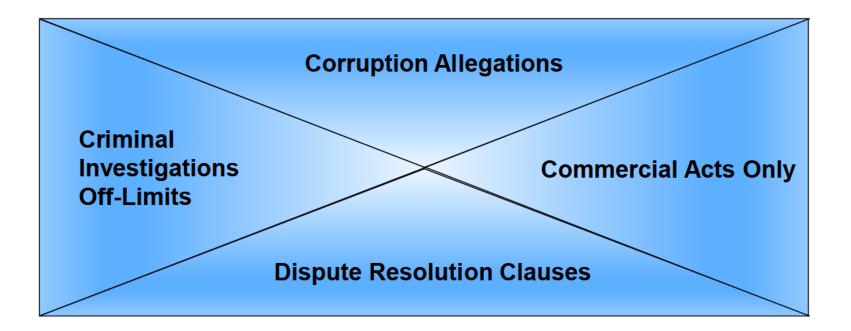
#### Article 2.1: Definitions of General Application

**covered investment** means, with respect to a Party, an investment, as defined in Article 10.29 (Definitions), in its territory of an investor of the other Party in existence as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement or established, acquired, or expanded thereafter;

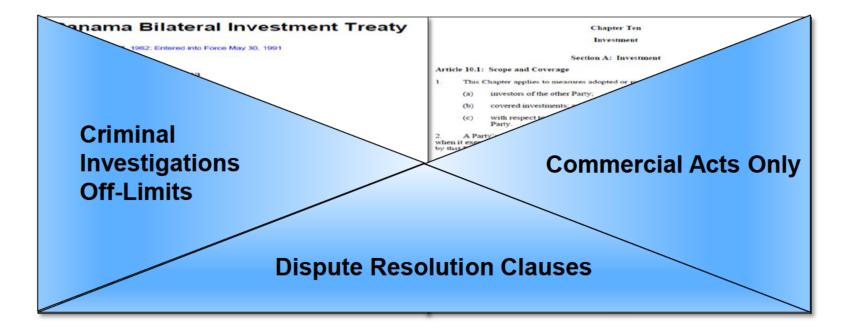
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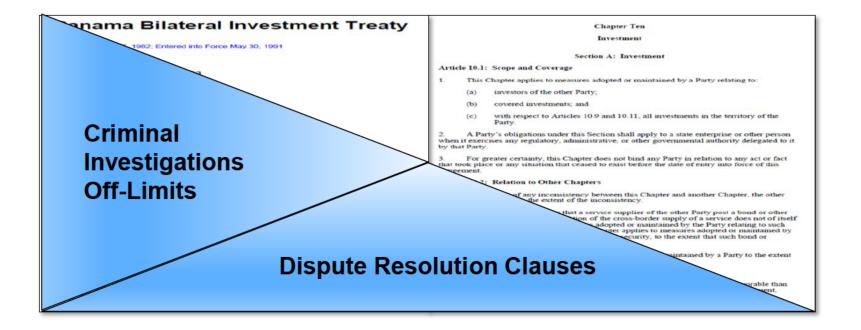














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2. In the event of an investment dispute between a Party and a national or company of the other Party with respect to an investment of such national or company in the territory of the first Party, the parties to the dispute shall initially seek to resolve it by consultation and negotiation. The parties may, upon the initiative of either of them and as a part of their consultation and negotiation, agree to rely upon non-binding, third-party procedures, such as the fact-finding facility available under the Rules of the Additional Facility ("Additional Facility") of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes ("Centre"). If the dispute cannot be resolved through consultation and negotiation, then the dispute shall be submitted for settlement in accordance with the applicable dispute- settlement procedures upon which they have previously agreed. Such procedures may provide for recourse to international arbitration using a forum such as the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission. With respect to expropriation by either Party, any dispute-settlement procedures specified in an investment agreement between such Party and such national or company shall remain binding and shall be enforceable in accordance with, inter alia, the terms of the investment agreement, relevant provisions of the domestic laws of such Party and treaties and other international agreements regarding enforcement of arbitral awards to which such Party has adhered.



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1. For purposes of this Article, an investment dispute is defined as a dispute involving: (a) the interpretation or application of an investment agreement between a Party and a national or company of the other Party; (b) the interpretation or application of any investment authorization granted by its foreign investment authority to such national or company; or (c) an alleged breach of any right conferred or created by this Treaty with respect to an investment.

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(b) Each Party hereby consents to the submission of an investment dispute to the Additional Facility for settlement by conciliation or binding arbitration.

(c) Conciliation or binding arbitration of such dispute shall be done in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations and Rules of the Additional Facility.

(d) Each Party shall provide for the enforcement within its territory of Additional Facility arbitral awards.



Provision only applies where a "*Party and a national*" have "*previously agreed*" to a forum for "*investment disputes*"

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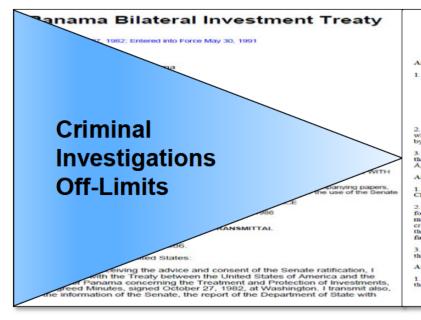
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#### The MINSA Capsi Contracts Do Not Address Investment Disputes

"Any dispute related to the execution, enforcement, development or termination of the Contract that cannot be resolved directly by the parties shall be resolved by legal arbitration, in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce." C-0028: Contract No. 077 dated 22 Sept. 2011; C-0030: Contract No. 083 dated 22 Sept. 2011; C-0031: Contract No. 085 dated 22 Sept. 2011.

#### Ciudad de las Artes and Mercado Público de Colón Contracts Do Not Address Investment Disputes

"THE PARTIES have chosen Panama City, Panama as special domicile . . . Any claim that arises due to the interpretation or enforcement of this Contract shall be resolved by mutual agreement between The Parties, and if it cannot be resolved in this way, the dispute shall be submitted to the Panamanian courts." C-0042: Contract No. 093-12 dated 6 July 2012; C-0034: Contract No. 043 dated 17 Aug. 2012.



#### Chapter Ten

#### Investment

#### Section A: Investment

#### Article 10.1: Scope and Coverage

- This Chapter applies to measures adopted or maintained by a Party relating to:
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 A Party's obligations under this Section shall apply to a state enterprise or other person when it exercises any regulatory, administrative, or other governmental authority delegated to it by that Party.

For greater certainty, this Chapter does not bind any Party in relation to any act or fact that took place or any situation that ceased to exist before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

#### Article 10.2: Relation to Other Chapters

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#### Panama Bilateral Investment Treaty

Signed October 27, 1982; Entered into Force May 30, 1991

Investment Treaty with Panama

99th Congress 2nd Session

SENATE Treaty Doc. 99-14

MESSAGE

FROM

#### THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA CONCERNING THE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS, WITH AGREED MINUTES, SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 27, 1982

MARCH 25, 1986-Treaty was read the first time and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

71-118 WASHINGTON: 1986

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The White House, March 25,1986.

To the Senate of the United States:

CL-0001: U.S.-Panama BIT

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama concerning the Treatment and Protection of Investments, with Agreed Minutes, signed October 27, 1982, at Washington. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with Chapter Ten

Investment

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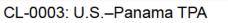
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## **RESPONDENT'S KEY TREATY BREACHES**

- 1. Respondent's Agencies Refused to Sign Virtually All Change Orders and Payment Applications to the Omega Consortium
- Comptroller General Refused to Endorse Virtually All Payments to the Omega Consortium, Cutting Off All Cash Flow
- Comptroller General Refused to Endorse Virtually All Change Orders for the Omega Consortium's Projects, Causing Contracts to Lapse
- 4. MEF Slashed the State Budget for the Omega Consortium's Largest Project
- INAC Administratively Terminated the Omega Consortium's Largest Contract, Imposing a Ban on Future Bidding (Without Notice)
- 6. Municipality of Panama Administratively Terminated Contract, and Imposed a Further Three Year Ban on Bidding
- 7. Respondent Initiated Bogus Criminal Investigations
- 8. Criminal Authorities Froze Bank Accounts
- 9. Criminal Authorities Issued Detention Orders
- 10. Respondent Issued Extradition Request and Interpol Red Notice

#### Expropriation:

#1 through #8: The "substantial deprivation" of "virtually all" of an investment

#### Fair and Equitable Treatment:

#1 through #10: Arbitrariness, a willful neglect of duty and due process, and subjective bad faith

#### Full Protection & Security:

#8 through #10: Threats to physical security

#### Umbrella Clause:

#1 through #6: Sovereign failure to "observe obligations . . . with regard to investment"



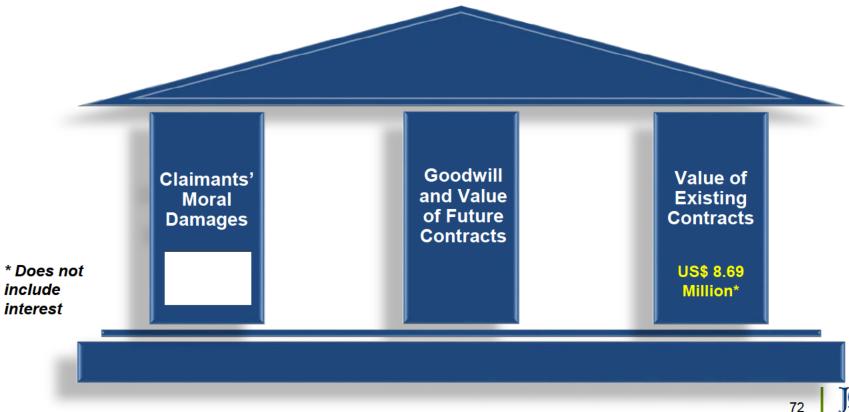


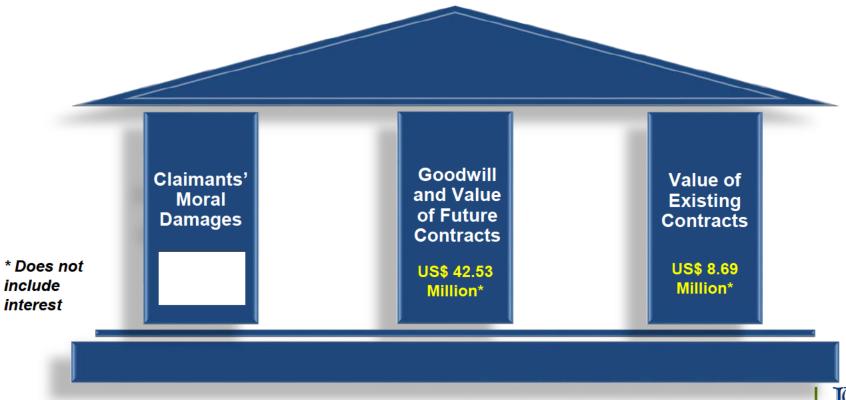
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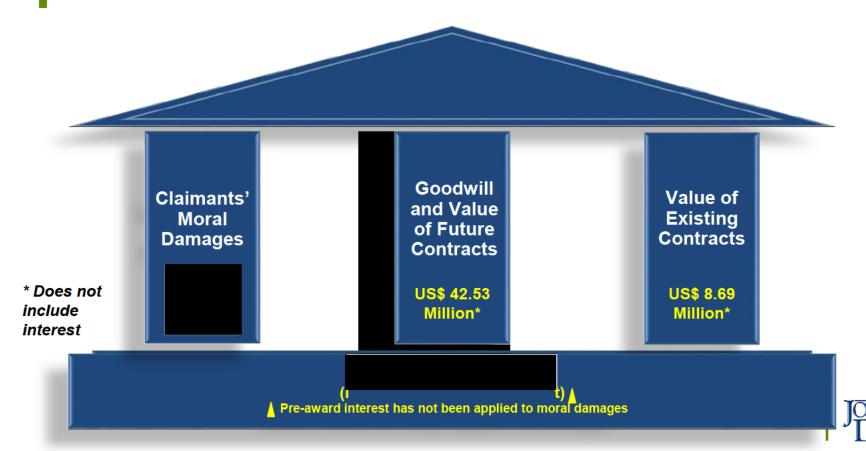




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Conclusion



