UNDERSTANDING WITH REGARD TO
FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT IN THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION
OF INVESTMENTS

30 April 2013

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Both States confirm that, without wishing to narrow the meaning of the concept of “fair and equitable treatment” as it is interpreted in accordance with international law, they do not understand this term to incorporate a stabilization clause. Thus a Contracting Party is not prohibited, by this Agreement, from exercising regulatory powers, whenever introduced, that impact on investments of the investor of the other Contracting Party, so long as these powers are exercised in a fair and equitable manner.

This understanding is to be preserved as part of the negotiating history of the Agreement to provide clarity on the intention of the Contracting Parties when including the provisions referred to above. Signed by the Chief Negotiators of both Parties, and appended to the Minutes of the Final Negotiating Round, on April 30, 2013.

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MOST-FAVOURED NATION TREATMENT IN THE
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Both Parties confirm that, it is understood that the most-favoured nation treatment provided in Article 6 (Most-Favoured Nation Treatment) is only granted in relation to the standards of protection, that is, minimum standard of treatment, national treatment, expropriation, compensation for losses, transfers, and restrictions to safeguard the balance of payments, in the manner and to the extent provided for in this Agreement, of investors and investments falling within the scope of this Agreement.

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Both Parties recognise that it is inappropriate to encourage investment by relaxing domestic environmental measures. Accordingly, a Party should not waive or otherwise derogate from, or offer to waive or otherwise derogate from, such measures as an encouragement for the establishment, acquisition, expansion or retention in its territory of an investment of an investor, as long as such derogation or waiver diminishes its environmental standards.

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