



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT Memorandum of Advice – International laws and Regulations relating to Trade Sanctions analysis in accordance with the Chapter 4.4. Guidance

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

1.1 We have acted as the international sanctions counsel to Shuangdeng Group Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**") in connection with the proposed initial public offering (the "**Offering**") and listing of shares on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**HKEX**") of the Company.

1.2 In light of the Chapter 4.4 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants (the "**Chapter 4.4 Guidance**") effective from March 2019, this memorandum assesses whether (i) the Company and its subsidiaries (the Company and its subsidiaries together, the "**Group**") engaged in Primary Sanctioned Activity (as defined below) that violates applicable laws or regulations in the Relevant Jurisdiction(s) (as defined below) and/or International Sanctions (as defined below), and/or results in any material sanctions risk to the Relevant Persons (as defined below); (ii) the Group engaged in Secondary Sanctionable Activity (as defined below) that would likely result in the imposition of any sanctions against the Relevant Persons; and (iii) the Group is a Sanctioned Target (as defined below), is located, incorporated, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country (as defined below), or is a Sanctioned Trader (as defined below).

1.3 This memorandum is provided for the purposes of the Offering only. However, our advice is applicable whether or not the Company proceeds with the Offering.

1.4 For the purpose of this memorandum and consistent with the Chapter 4.4 Guidance, the following terms and expressions shall have the respective meanings set out below:

"International Sanctions" means rules and regulations related to economic sanctions programs and export controls administered by the Relevant Jurisdictions.

"Primary Sanctioned Activity" means any activity in a Sanctioned Country or (i) with; or (ii) directly or indirectly benefiting, or involving the property or interests in property of, a Sanctioned Target by the Company incorporated or located in a Relevant Jurisdiction (if applicable) or which otherwise has a nexus with such jurisdiction with respect to the relevant activity, such that it is subject to the relevant sanctions law or regulation. This definition is

in line with the definition of Primary Sanctioned Activity as set out in the Chapter 4.4 Guidance.

"Relevant Jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction that is relevant to the Company and has sanctions related law or regulation restricting, among other things, its nationals and/or entities which are incorporated or located in that jurisdiction from directly or indirectly making assets or services available to or otherwise dealing in assets of certain countries, governments, persons or entities targeted by such law or regulation. For the purpose of this memorandum, the Relevant Jurisdictions include United States ("**U.S.**"), United Nations ("**UN**"), European Union ("**EU**"), the United Kingdom ("**UK**"), the UK Overseas Territories and Australia. As of January 1, 2021, the UK is no longer an EU Member State. Pursuant to the terms of Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement), EU law including sanctions law continued to apply to and in the UK until December 31, 2020. The UK was still an EU Member State during part of the Track Record Period and the EU sanctions analysis fully applies thereto until December 31, 2020. For the part of the Track Record Period starting on January 1, 2021, UK sanctions applied.

"Relevant Persons" means the Company, together with its investors and shareholders and persons who might, directly or indirectly, be involved in permitting the listing, trading, clearing and settlement of its shares, including the HKEX and related group companies.

"Sanctioned Activity" means Primary Sanctioned Activity and Secondary Sanctionable Activity.

"Sanctioned Country" means any country or territory subject to a general and comprehensive export, import, financial or investment embargo under sanctions related law or regulation of the Relevant Jurisdiction.

"Sanctioned Target" means any person or entity (i) designated on any list of targeted persons or entities issued under the sanctions-related law or regulation of a Relevant Jurisdiction; (ii) that is, or is owned or controlled by, a government of a Sanctioned Country; or (iii) that is the target of sanctions under the law or regulation of a Relevant Jurisdiction because of a relationship of ownership, control, or agency with a person or entity described in (i) or (ii). This definition is in line with the definition of Sanctioned Target as set out in the Chapter 4.4 Guidance.

"Sanctioned Trader" means any person or entity that does a material portion (10% or more) of its business with Sanctioned Targets and Sanctioned Country entities or persons. This definition is in line with the definition of Sanctioned Trader as set out in the Chapter 4.4 Guidance.

"Secondary Sanctionable Activity" means certain activity by the Company that may result in the imposition of sanctions against the Relevant Person(s) by a Relevant Jurisdiction (including designation as a Sanctioned Target or the imposition of penalties), even though the Company is not incorporated or located in that Relevant Jurisdiction and does not otherwise have any nexus with that Relevant Jurisdiction. This definition is in line with the definition of Secondary Sanctionable Activity as set out in the Chapter 4.4 Guidance.

- 1.5 This memorandum provides preliminary analysis in accordance with the Chapter 4.4 Guidance based on the facts provided to date to assess the Group's compliance with the International Sanctions and, where appropriate, sets forth certain recommendations in regard to Sanctioned Activities. This memorandum is not intended as a full due diligence review of these issues, nor is it intended to provide any assessment of the Group's existing policies or wider procedures implemented to manage its compliance with rules and regulations related to economic sanctions programs and export controls administered by the Relevant Jurisdictions (the "**International Sanctions**").

- 1.6 In preparing this memorandum, Hogan Lovells reviewed the Company's responses provided in 2024 and 2025 on a rolling basis to the "*International Sanctions Due Diligence Checklist*" dated July 1, 2024 (the "**Sanctions DD Checklist**"), prepared by Hogan Lovells, and related e-mail correspondence. We have also reviewed the information contained in the Company's prospectus prepared in connection with the Offering, as that document being amended from time to time during the Offering (the "**Prospectus**"). We have also screened the list of customers and counterparties in the Relevant Regions provided by the Group using Accuity screening tool against the lists of Sanctioned Persons maintained by the Relevant Jurisdictions. The Group's responses to the Sanctions DD Checklist have included various spreadsheets of sales records and other documents that relate to the subject matter of the Sanctions DD Checklist, and we have reviewed those documents as part of our preparation of this memorandum. As to matters of fact material to the conclusion stated herein, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents we reviewed or made by the Group. We have not independently verified or established the facts so relied on.
- 1.7 As of the date of this memorandum, Sanctioned Countries within the meaning of the Chapter 4.4 Guidance include: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea region, and the so-called Donetsk People's Republic ("**DPR**") and Luhansk People's Republic ("**LPR**") regions, Kherson region and Zaporizhzhia region. Based on the information available to us, we have not identified any Group activities with any Sanctioned Countries since January 1, 2019.
- 1.8 We have also identified the Group's business activities during the three years ended December 31, 2024 and five months end May 31, 2025 (the "**Track Record Period**") with the following countries or territories for which Relevant Jurisdictions maintain various forms of sanctions programs in place (albeit not a "general and comprehensive export, import, financial or investment embargo" within the meaning of the Chapter 4.4 Guidance): Afghanistan, Balkans, Belarus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Hong Kong, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Russia (excluding the Crimea, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and LPR/DPR regions), Somalia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine (excluding the Crimea, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and LPR/DPR regions) and Zimbabwe (these countries/regions and Xinjiang are collectively referred as the "**Relevant Regions**", and each a "**Relevant Region**").
- 1.9 This memorandum is based on the understanding and assumptions detailed herein. Hogan Lovells relies on the completeness and accuracy of the information given to it by the Company. If any of the assumptions are incorrect, or any changes occur in or correction to the information given, the Company is recommended to inform Hogan Lovells so that it can confirm the content of this analysis.
- 1.10 This memorandum is given only with respect to International Sanctions in force up to the date of this memorandum. Hogan Lovells underlines that sanctions measures adopted by the international community remain under constant review. Therefore, the scope and application of the measures discussed below are subject to change and should be carefully monitored. We, however, have no obligation to notify any recipient or other person of any change in International Sanctions or their applications after the date of this memorandum. No opinion and/advice is expressed or implied as to the laws of any other territory, or as to matters of fact, except for International Sanctions discussed below.
2. **CONCLUSION**
- 2.1 On the basis of the information received from the Company and after carrying out its procedures and analysis set out below, Hogan Lovells is of the view that the Company:
- (a) The Group has not engaged during the Track Record Period in Primary Sanctioned Activity because it had no business activities in a Sanctioned Country or (i) with; or

(ii) directly or indirectly benefiting, or involving the property or interests in property of, a Sanctioned Target. As such, the Company would not appear to have violated applicable sanctions law or regulation in the Relevant Jurisdictions that could result in any material sanctions risk to the Relevant Persons;

- (b) The “manufacturing” sector of Russian economy was designated under EO 14024 on May 19, 2023, providing authority to OFAC to impose sanctions on any person found to “operate in” such designated sector (US sanctions do not automatically apply to every company in that sector in Russia; instead, OFAC has to exercise its discretionary authority to designate a particular person or entity for “operating in” such sector for US sanctions to apply). The term “manufacturing sector” is broadly defined by OFAC in FAQ 1126 to include “activities such as the creation, modification, repair, testing, or financing, of goods by manual labor or machinery involving the Russian Federation and any related activities, including the provision or receipt of goods, services, or technology to, from, or involving the manufacturing sector of the Russian Federation economy.” Although the “provision of goods” aspect of that definition is broad enough to cover the Group as well (when it is selling its battery products to its customers in the manufacturing sector of the Russian Federation economy), it appears unlikely that OFAC would view the Group itself as “operating in” Russia’s manufacturing sector by merely selling the Group’s products to Russia. As such, although there is some risk under secondary US sanctions resulting from designation of Russia’s manufacturing sector, it appears unlikely that OFAC would designate the Group as an SDN for merely selling the Group’s products to Russia (rather than manufacturing its products in Russia, locally). The Group has confirmed that it has had no other business activities targeted by extra-territorial provisions of sanctions law or regulation in the Relevant Jurisdictions. Thus, it is unlikely that the Group’s activities would result in the imposition of sanctions on the Relevant Persons;
- (c) The Company has not been designated as a Sanctioned Target, nor is it located, incorporated, organised or resident in a Sanctioned Country; and
- (d) the Company is not a Sanctioned Trader because it did not derive a material portion of its revenue (10% or more) during the Track Record Period from business activities with Sanctioned Country entities, or with Sanctioned Targets.

2.2 As no material sanctions risks appear to be present, the Company does not appear to be required to make undertakings pursuant to the Chapter 4.4 Guidance but to monitor potential sanctions risk, we understand the Company implemented the Sanctions Compliance Policy to ensure compliance with International Sanctions.

2.3 There is no material change to the matters set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 after the Track Record Period and up to the Latest Practicable Date (August 8, 2025).

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3.1 The Group is a global leader in green energy storage products and solution] for big-data and telecommunication industries, focusing on the design, R&D, manufacturing, and sales of energy storage battery products and systems. During the Track Record Period, the Group sold its lithium-ion battery and lead-acid battery products to the Relevant Regions.

3.2 United States

- (a) On the basis of our due diligence conducted and the Company’s confirmations that:
 - (i) no U.S. persons employed or otherwise engaged by the Company or its Group entities have been involved in any way (either directly or indirectly),

including in the negotiation or approval of, or with the on-going performance of, any activities of the Company or its Group entities involving the Relevant Regions in general;

- (ii) no financing or financial assistance has been received by the Group, either directly or indirectly, from any company, entity or body incorporated or located in the United States;
- (iii) no products supplied, sold, exported or otherwise transferred by the Group incorporate 10% or more (by value) of controlled U.S.-origin content nor are a direct product of controlled U.S. technology;
- (iv) during the Track Record Period, the Company has confirmed that it has not undertaken, either directly or indirectly, any contract or any other activity with a counterparty, nor has otherwise provided goods or services to any person, in Sanctioned Countries;
- (v) no products incorporate 10% or more (by value) of controlled U.S.-origin content nor are a direct product of controlled U.S. technology have been exported (either directly or indirectly) to any persons or entities identified on the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security's Entity List, Denied Parties List, Unverified List, Military End User List, or Military-Intelligence End User List (collectively, "**BIS List**");
- (vi) no Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons ("**SDNs**") have been identified as being involved in any transaction conducted by the Group during the Track Record Period;
- (vii) the Group's sale of products did not involve industries or sectors that are currently subject to specific sanctions by the United States;
- (viii) the Company has reviewed all transaction records since January 1, 2019 and has not identified any transactions related to Sanctioned Countries during that time; and

Hogan Lovells' assessment is that

On the basis of our due diligence process and confirmations of the Company, given that (i) during the Track Record Period, the counterparties in the Group's sales with the Relevant Regions had not been identified as SDNs; (ii) the Group is unlikely to be designated as an SDN resulting from designation of Russia's manufacturing sector by merely selling the Group's lithium-ion battery and lead-acid battery products to Russia; and (iv) the nature of the Group's sales should not trigger other U.S. secondary sanctions, Hogan Lovells' assessment is the Group's business dealings are unlikely to be viewed as resulting in the imposition of restrictions under secondary U.S. sanctions.

3.3 UN

- (a) On the basis that:
 - (i) the Group's activities involving the Relevant Regions were limited to sales of lithium-ion battery and lead-acid battery products; and
 - (ii) the Company, for and on behalf of the Group, has confirmed that it does not have business dealings with parties targeted by UN sanctions,

Hogan Lovells' assessment is that the Group's business dealings do not implicate restrictive measures adopted by the UN.

3.4 **European Union, UK and UK Overseas Territories**

- (a) On the basis of our due diligence conducted and the Company's confirmations that:
- (i) all activities involving the Relevant Regions were negotiated, entered into and performed without any involvement (including in any approval or decision making capacity) by any national of or entity incorporated, domiciled, or otherwise located in either the territories of the EU, the UK, or the UK Overseas Territories;
 - (ii) the Company's activities are limited to the sales of lithium-ion battery and lead-acid battery products, and did not involve any products that are subject to sectoral sanctions in the EU, UK or UK Overseas Territories;
 - (iii) neither the Company nor any of its affiliates, agents, directors, officers, or employees has or is engaged in transactions, business or financial dealings that directly or indirectly involve or benefit a person or entity subject to EU, UK or UK Overseas Territories sanctions, or has or is engaged in any other activity subject to restrictions under sectoral EU, UK and/or UK Overseas Territories sanctions;
 - (iv) the Company has not been, directly or indirectly, involved in the export from the EU, the UK and/or UK Overseas Territories of any items listed in the EU Common Military List or the EU Dual Use list (Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/821), the UK Military List destined to any of the Relevant Regions, Annex I to Council Regulation 428/2009 as amended and retained by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (**'the UK Dual-Use Regulation'**), or any items listed under Schedule 2 or 3 of the UK Export Control Order 2008 as amended.,

Hogan Lovells' assessment, based on a review of the declarations provided by the Company on behalf of the group, is that the prohibitions and wider restrictions under EU and UK sanctions measures as applicable during the Track Record Period, including those extended to the UK Overseas Territories, are not implicated by the Group's business activities with the Relevant Regions.

3.5 **Australia**

- (a) On the basis that:
- (i) the Group or any of its subsidiaries is not:
 - (1) a person in Australia;
 - (2) an Australian citizen or Australian-registered body;
 - (3) owned or controlled by Australians or persons in Australia;
 - (4) a person using an Australian flag vessel or aircraft to transport goods or transact services subject to Australian autonomous sanctions; or
 - (5) engaged in any activities in Australia; and

- (ii) the Group's dealings do not involve products or services that are restricted under Australian export controls,

Hogan Lovells' assessment is that International Sanctions measures administered and enforced by the Government of Australia are not implicated by the Group's activities.

4. COMPANY BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Shuangdeng Group Co., Ltd. was incorporated in People's Republic of China with limited liability on December 28, 2011. We have relied on the Prospectus for the Group's shareholding structure immediately prior to the Reorganization, immediately before the completion of the Global Offering and Capitalization Issue, immediately upon completion of the Capitalization Issue and the Global Offering, respectively.
- 4.2 The Company has confirmed that it is not owned 50% or more, or controlled, by one or more U.S. persons as defined under U.S. economic sanctions laws and regulations
- 4.3 The Company has confirmed that none of its, its subsidiaries, or the Group's Directors or Shareholders is a U.S., EU, UK or Australian national.
- 4.4 The following table sets out the information regarding Directors of the Shuangdeng Group Co., Ltd.

Director	Name	Nationality
Executive Directors	Dr. Yang Rui (杨锐)	Canadian
	Dr. Yang Baofeng (杨宝峰)	Chinese
	Ms. He Rong (贺蓉)	Chinese
Non-executive Directors	Mr. Qian Shan'gao (钱善高)	Chinese
Independent non-executive Directors	Dr. Yin Junming (殷俊明)	Chinese
	Dr. Wang Jin (王进)	Chinese
	Dr. Wang Xi (王熹)	Chinese

- 4.5 Based on the information provided by the Company, the Company believes that none of the products supplied, sold, exported or transferred by the Group are controlled or otherwise restricted for transfer either directly or indirectly, from the EU (or by EU persons), the UK (or by UK persons), or from the UK Overseas Territories (or by UK Overseas Territories nationals) to or for use in any Relevant Regions. On this basis and our understanding of the nature of the Group's products and services, an analysis of the Group's products against EU, UK and/or UK Overseas Territories export control and trade related sanctions restrictions has not been undertaken by Hogan Lovells.
- 4.6 The Company confirms that:
- (a) none of the goods supplied, sold, exported or transferred by the Group are controlled under Australian export controls or are otherwise restricted for supply, sale, export or transfer, either directly or indirectly, from Australia (or by Australian citizens) to or for use in any Relevant Region; and

- (b) no goods were supplied, sold, exported or transferred by the Group to any country subject to International Sanctions from (or via) Australia.

On the basis of the above confirmations and our understanding of the nature of the Group's business, an analysis of the services supplied to the Relevant Regions under Australian export control and sanctions laws has not been undertaken by Hogan Lovells.

- 4.7 The table below sets forth the revenues received by the Group from business activities with/in the Relevant Regions (excluding Xinjiang) and Russia (excluding the Crimea, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and LPR/DPR regions), and the corresponding percentage of the Group's total revenues during the Track Record Period.

Year/Period Ended	Total consolidated revenues (RMB'000)	Consolidated revenues attributable to the Relevant Regions (RMB'000)	Percentage of the Group's total revenues (%)
Year ended December 31, 2022	4,072,480	59,237	1.5
Year ended December 31, 2023	4,259,777	83,981	2.0
Year ended December 31, 2024	4,498,522	89,715	2.0
Five months ended May 31, 2025	1,866,608	7,938	0.4

Year/Period Ended	Total consolidated revenues (RMB'000)	Consolidated revenues attributable to Russia (excluding the Crimea, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and LPR/DPR regions) (RMB'000)	Percentage of the Group's total revenues (%)
Year ended December 31, 2022	4,072,480	3,904	0.1
Year ended December 31, 2023	4,259,777	11,834	0.3
Year ended December 31, 2024	4,498,522	10,927	0.2
Five months ended May 31, 2025	1,866,608	-	-

5. **U.S. SANCTIONS: ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND EXPORT CONTROLS**

5.1 **U.S. Economic Sanctions**

- (a) There are two types of U.S. economic sanctions potentially applicable to the Group:
 - (i) "Primary" U.S. sanctions applicable to "U.S. persons" or activities involving a U.S. nexus (e.g., funds transfers in U.S. currency or activities involving U.S.-origin goods, software, technology or services even if performed by non-U.S. persons);
 - (ii) "Secondary" U.S. sanctions applied extraterritorially to the activities of non-U.S. persons even when the transaction has no U.S. nexus;
- (b) **Primary Sanctions Applicable to U.S. Persons**
 - (i) The U.S. Treasury Department's OFAC administers primary U.S. sanctions programs against targeted countries, entities, and individuals. As the economic sanctions are intended to further the foreign policy goals of the United States, they vary considerably from program to program. Likewise, OFAC has wide latitude to interpret and enforce its regulations based on the foreign policy goals of the U.S. Government.
 - (ii) When the U.S. Government imposes economic sanctions against a foreign country, entity, or individual, U.S. law prohibits (with limited exceptions that do not apply in this case) U.S. companies or U.S. persons from engaging in any transaction with or providing almost any goods or services for the benefit of the targeted country, entity or individual. Depending on the sanctions program and/or parties involved, U.S. law also may require a U.S. company or a U.S. person to "block" any assets/property interests owned, controlled or held for the benefit of a Sanctioned Country, entity, or individual when such assets/property interests are in the United States or within possession or control of a U.S. person. A "blocked" asset means no transaction may be undertaken or effected with respect to the asset/property interest – no payments, benefits, provision of services or other dealings or other type of performance (in case of contracts/agreements) – except pursuant to an authorization or license from OFAC.
 - (iii) **Persons Governed by U.S. Sanctions**
 - (1) In general, U.S. economic sanctions apply to "U.S. persons". The term "U.S. persons" includes:
 - (A) entities organized under U.S. Law (such as U.S. companies and their U.S. subsidiaries);
 - (B) any U.S. company's domestic and foreign branches;
 - (C) any individual who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien ("green card" holder), regardless of his or her location in the world;
 - (D) any individual, regardless of his or her nationality, who is physically present in the United States; and
 - (E) U.S. branches or U.S. subsidiaries of non-U.S. companies.

- (2) In the case of U.S. sanctions applicable to Iran and Cuba, primary sanctions specifically apply to all foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies and any other entities owned or controlled by U.S. persons (such as 50/50 joint ventures, for example). See Section 218 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, H.R. 1905 (PL 112-158), implemented by OFAC as section 560.215 of the ITSR, which makes parent companies liable for their foreign subsidiaries' Iranian sanctions violations, and Section 515.329 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations ("**CACR**").
- (3) In the case of U.S. sanctions applicable to other countries in the Relevant Regions, such primary sanctions only apply to U.S. persons as defined above, not to their foreign subsidiaries or to non-U.S. companies.
- (4) In addition, primary sanctions prohibit U.S. persons, wherever located, from approving, financing, facilitating, or guaranteeing any transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited if performed by a U.S. person or within the United States. This is generally known as the "facilitation" prohibition and is a broad extension of the jurisdictional reach of U.S. sanctions applicable to U.S. persons in countries subject to comprehensive sanctions prohibitions. See, e.g., ITSR, 31 C.F.R. § 560.208. The processing of payments by U.S. banks or U.S. payment processors for Iran-related trade by non-U.S. companies would constitute "facilitation" of such trade and is prohibited.
- (5) The facilitation concept is broad. In general, a U.S. person is not permitted to facilitate in any way activities of a third party with a Sanctioned Country or a sanctioned person if the U.S. person itself could not directly engage in the underlying activity. Usually it arises in the context of parent companies and their subsidiaries or between affiliates, where one entity is jurisdictionally required to comply but the other is not. The issue may also arise in the dealer/sub-dealer context, where the dealer is dependent on support from its supplier/partner. "Facilitation" may include the following activities:

"...a prohibited facilitation or approval of a transaction by a foreign person occurs, among other instances, when a U.S. person:

- (A) Alters its operating policies or procedures, or those of a foreign affiliate, to permit a foreign affiliate to accept or perform a specific contract, engagement or transaction involving a party in or the government of Iran without the approval of the U.S. person, where such transaction previously required approval by the U.S. person and such transaction by the foreign affiliate would be prohibited by this part if performed directly by a U.S. person or from the United States;
- (B) Refers to a foreign person purchase orders, requests for bids, or similar business opportunities involving a party in or the government of Iran to which the U.S. person could not directly respond as a result of U.S. sanctions laws or regulations; or

- (C) Changes the operating policies and procedures of a particular affiliate with the specific purpose of facilitating transactions that would be prohibited by this part if performed by a U.S. person or from the United States." ITSR § 560.417.

(iv) **Targets of Primary U.S. Sanctions Programs**

- (1) There are two types of primary U.S. sanctions programs – country-based programs (which are territorial in nature) and list-based programs (which are not territorial in nature, as they do not apply to the entire country or all of its territory). Violations of either type of primary U.S. sanction program can result in "strict" civil liability (not a negligence standard) where fines and penalties may be imposed. In addition, wilful violations may result in criminal liability punishable by imprisonment and elevated fines.

- (A) *Country-based sanctions programs. U.S. sanctions programs targeting specific countries fall into two categories: programs that are comprehensive in scope and programs that are limited in scope.*

- (I) Comprehensive sanctions programs prohibit U.S. persons from dealing in any manner with Sanctioned Countries and their governments, as well as with any persons or entities in those countries or territories. Currently, the United States maintains comprehensive sanctions against: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea region of Ukraine/Russia and LPR or DPR regions (comprehensive OFAC sanctions against Sudan were terminated as of October 12, 2017). Generally, comprehensive country sanctions prohibit transactions with or services in, from or benefitting the targeted country or any persons/entity in it. However, the comprehensive country sanctions may also be applicable to transactions outside the country (for example, restricting dealings in goods or services originating from a Sanctioned Country, or with persons who ordinarily reside in the Sanctioned Country).

- (II) Limited sanctions programs prohibit U.S. persons from participating in certain types of transactions with sanctioned countries and/or governments, such as the provision of services, financing, investments, exports, and/or imports. Prohibited activities vary from program to program, and they generally are not as broad (for example, they do not target activities with all persons or entities in that country). Currently, the U.S. government maintains limited sanctions programs in relation to countries such as Iraq and Libya, and OFAC has issued a series of general licenses authorizing numerous activities.

- (B) *List-based sanctions programs.* In addition to country-based sanctions programs, primary U.S. sanctions include list-based sanctions that prohibit U.S. persons from dealing with or facilitating dealings with individuals, entities and organizations that have been designated as SDNs by OFAC for a variety of reasons. Although some of these programs reflect the name of a particular country in its title (e.g., Belarus, Burundi, Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, Zimbabwe), these sanctions are not territorial in nature and do not apply to the country as a whole, and they do not target the government of such country as a whole nor all persons and entities in the country. Instead, the restrictions apply only to persons and entities that are on the SDN List, which may include some government officials or other parties designated for a variety of reasons (the restrictions also apply to entities owned, at 50% or higher level by designated SDNs). The names of these designated parties are published on the OFAC SDN List; they include persons or entities targeted for a variety of reasons including but not limited to:
- (I) terrorists and terrorist organizations;
 - (II) narcotics traffickers;
 - (III) persons involved in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
 - (IV) persons or entities undermining democratic processes, freedom of expression, or those involved in human rights abuses or censorship activities, among other targeted activities; and
 - (V) individuals and entities that the U.S. Government considers to be "arms" of the sanctioned governments identified above.
- (C) U.S. persons are not permitted to have any dealings whatsoever with or facilitate dealings with parties designated on the SDN List (or entities owned at 50% or higher level, directly or indirectly by SDNs) unless authorized by OFAC. The SDN List is updated often, and is available on OFAC's website at <https://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. Numerous vendors also provide screening solutions that can be tailored to fit a particular business' needs and IT systems.

(v) **Application to Afghanistan**

- (1) During the Track Record Period, the United States has not imposed any sanctions on Afghanistan as a country. Certain SDNs reside in Afghanistan and the Taliban itself has been designated as an SDN for many years under OFAC's terrorism-related sanctions. As a result, U.S. persons are prohibited from dealings with SDNs and entities they own at 50% or greater level, directly or indirectly. Although OFAC has not yet formally

determined the entire Government of Afghanistan as being the same as the Taliban, persons dealing with the new Afghan government should consider whether the Taliban is involved as that could trigger the applicability of U.S. sanctions if the activity has any U.S. nexus.

- (2) Since September 2021, OFAC issued a series of general licenses such as those related to the activities of the United Nations and its agencies/programmes, the official business of the U.S. government and certain international organizations, the activities of non-governmental organizations including humanitarian assistance, provision of non-commercial personal remittances, the export or reexport of medicine, medical devices, and agricultural commodities to the extent such activities involve the following SDNs: the Taliban and the Haqqani Network; and in February 2022, OFAC issued a general license authorizing all transactions involving Afghanistan or government institutions in Afghanistan prohibited by the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations, or Executive Order 13224 (which would include transactions involving the Taliban or Haqqani Network as long as no financial transfers are made to the Taliban or Haqqani Network or any entity in which either owns, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest other than for the purpose of effecting payment of taxes, fees, or import duties, or the purchase or receipt of permits, licenses ,or public utility services).

(vi) **Application to the Balkans**

- (1) The United States sanctions regime in relation to the Balkans commenced in 2001, with the issuance of Executive Order 13219 on June 27, 2001. It was issued in response to persons engaged in or assisting extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, southern Serbia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region; and acts obstructing the implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or the UN Security Council Resolution 1244 in Kosovo.
- (2) On June 27, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13219 "Blocking Property of Persons Who Threaten International Stabilization Efforts in the Western Balkans" pursuant to, inter alia, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"), the National Emergencies Act ("NEA") and section 301 of title 3, United States Code.
- (3) Executive Order 13219 blocked all property and interests in property of the persons listed in its Annex and of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State to have engaged in sanctionable activities. The Executive Order also prohibits the making of donations (as specified in section 203(b)(2) of IEEPA) for the benefit of any person listed in, or designated pursuant to Executive Order 13219. These prohibitions include, but are not limited to, the making of any contribution or

provision of funds, goods, or services by, to or for the benefit of any person listed in the Executive Order, by any U.S. person, or person within the United States. The names of these specific individuals and entities are included in the SDN List (the restrictions also extend to any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or greater by SDNs).

- (4) On May 29, 2003 the President issued Executive Order 13304, "Termination of Emergencies With Respect to Yugoslavia and Modification of Executive Order 13219". This Order dealt primarily with previous Executive Orders in relation to the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). It also replaced and superseded in its entirety the Annex to Executive Order 13219, with the Annex attached to Executive Order 13304. Executive Order 13304 incorporated the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 into Executive Order 13219. Executive Order 13304 also added a provision into Executive Order 13219 stating that as persons listed in the new Annex who may have a constitutional presence in the United States, and could therefore transfer funds or assets instantaneously, there was no need to give prior notice to such persons of any measures taken pursuant to the Order.
- (a) On June 8, 2021, President Biden issued a new Executive Order 14033, "Blocking Property and Suspending Entry Into the United States of Certain Persons Contributing to the Destabilizing Situation in the Western Balkans," which broadens the legal basis for designating parties as SDNs to include those found:
- (i) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, or territorial integrity of any area or state in the Western Balkans;
 - (ii) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Western Balkans;
 - (iii) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, a violation of, or an act that has obstructed or threatened the implementation of, any regional security, peace, cooperation, or mutual recognition agreement or framework or accountability mechanism related to the Western Balkans;
 - (iv) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights abuse in the Western Balkans;
 - (v) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption related to the Western Balkans, including corruption by, on behalf of, or otherwise related to a government in the Western Balkans, or a current or former government official at any level of

government in the Western Balkans, such as the misappropriation of public assets, expropriation of private assets for personal gain or political purposes, or bribery;

- (vi) to have provided material assistance to, or is owned or controlled by, or have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of any SDN designated under this new executive order.

This new Executive Order effectively defines the term "Western Balkans" to cover Albania and the former territory of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (currently, that territory covers the following UN member countries: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Northern Macedonia). No SDN designations have been made to date under that new executive order.

(vii) **Application to Belarus**

- (1) Currently, the U.S. government maintains targeted list-based sanctions against Belarus. These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs, as well as entities owned at 50% or greater level by SDNs. These regulations are set forth at 31 C.F.R. Part 548. For purpose of Belarus sanctions, persons and entities can be designated as SDNs for having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13405:
 - (A) to be responsible for, or to have participated in, actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Belarus;
 - (B) to be responsible for, or to have participated in, human rights abuses related to political repression in Belarus;
 - (C) to be a senior-level official, a family member of such an official, or a person closely linked to such an official who is responsible for or has engaged in public corruption related to Belarus;
 - (D) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material or technological support for, or goods and services in support of, any person engaged in the activities listed above.
- (2) Under Executive Order 13405, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under Executive Order 13405 and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[BELARUS]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.
- (3) On August 9, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14038, "Blocking Property of Additional Persons

Contributing to the Situation in Belarus," which broadens the legal basis for designating parties as SDNs to include those found:

- (A) to be or have been a leader, official, senior executive officer, or member of the board of directors of: (A) an entity that has, or whose members have, engaged in any of the activities described in subsections (E)(A)-(E) below or section 1(a)(ii)(A)-(C) of Executive Order 13405; or (B) an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order or Executive Order 13405;
- (B) to be a political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Government of Belarus;
- (C) to be or have been a leader or official of the Government of Belarus;
- (D) to operate or have operated in the defense and related materiel sector, security sector, energy sector, potassium chloride (potash) sector, tobacco products sector, construction sector, or transportation sector of the economy of Belarus, or any other sector of the Belarus economy as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State;
- (E) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged or attempted to engage in, any of the following:
 - (A) actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, or territorial integrity of Belarus;
 - (B) actions or policies that prohibit, limit, or penalize the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms (including freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, association, religion or belief, and movement) by individuals in Belarus, or that limit access to the Internet or print, online, or broadcast media in Belarus;
 - (C) electoral fraud or other actions or policies that undermined the electoral process in a Republic of Belarus election;
 - (D) deceptive or structured transactions or dealings to circumvent any United States sanctions by or for or on behalf of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, the Government of Belarus or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order or Executive Order 13405; or

(E) public corruption related to Belarus.

(v) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any activity described above or any SDN blocked pursuant to this order; or

(vi) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the Government of Belarus or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

(4) OFAC has designated several new SDNs pursuant to EO 13405.

(5) BIS also imposed strict export controls on items destined for Belarus and a license is now required for: (a) any item identified in any Export Control Classification Number ("**ECCN**") on the Commerce Control List ("**CCL**") in Categories 1 through 9; (b) any item subject to U.S. law, including EAR99 food and medicine, that is destined to an military end user ("**MEU**") in Belarus; (c) certain foreign-made items that are now subject to US law for purposes of export and reexport to Belarus due to the expanded application of the foreign direct product rule; and (d) "luxury goods" subject to US law as defined by BIS.

(viii) **Application to the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

(1) Currently, the U.S. government maintains limited, list-based sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs as well as entities owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or greater by SDNs. For purposes of Congo sanctions, persons and entities can be designated as SDNs for having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13413:

(A) being a political or military leader of a foreign armed group operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that impedes the disarmament, repatriation, or resettlement of combatants;

(B) being a political or military leader of Congolese armed group that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, or reintegration of combatants;

(C) being a political or military leader recruiting or using children in armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in violation of applicable international law;

(D) committing serious violations of international law involving the targeting of children in situations or armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including killing and

maiming, sexual violence, abduction, and forced displacement; and

(E) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material or technological support for, or goods and services in support of, any person engaged in the activities listed above.

(2) Under Executive Order 13413, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under Executive Order 13413 and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifiers "[DRCONGO]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.

(ix) **Application to Egypt**

(1) During the Track Record Period, the United States has not imposed any sanctions on Egypt. Certain SDNs may reside in Egypt, and U.S. persons are prohibited from dealings with such parties and entities they own at 50% or greater level.

(x) **Application to Hong Kong**

(1) On July 14, 2020, the Hong Kong Autonomy Act ("**the Act**") became law authorizing the imposition of sanctions on certain parties related to certain activities in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("**HKSAR**"). The Act provides a range of sanctions available to the U.S. government to target foreign persons or foreign financial institutions determined to have engaged in "significant transactions" with certain foreign persons, such as designated senior Hong Kong or Chinese government officials or Chinese companies involved in the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy. The Act did not designate any foreign officials; instead, the Act requires the Secretary of State to prepare a list of foreign persons who are materially contributing, have materially contributed, or attempt to materially contribute to China's failure to meet its obligations under the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong (December 19, 1984) and the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. If such persons are designated under the Act, then foreign financial institutions could face exposure themselves to restrictive measures if they engage in "significant" transactions with such designated persons.

(2) On the same day, the President issued the Executive Order on Hong Kong Normalization ("**EO 13939**"). This EO, among other actions, authorizes the imposition of sanctions on foreign persons determined to be involved in developing, adopting, and/or implementing China's National Security Law, among other actions. The EO blocks any transactions or transfers involving any and all property and/or interests in the United States of anyone the

Secretary of State in consultation with the Secretary of Treasury (or vice versa):

- (A) To be or have been involved, directly or indirectly, in the coercing, arresting, detaining, or imprisoning of individuals under the authority of, or to be or have been responsible for or involved in developing, adopting, or implementing, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Administrative Region.
- (B) To be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, any of the following:
 - (I) Actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Hong Kong.
 - (II) Actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, or autonomy of Hong Kong.
 - (III) Censorship or other activities with respect to Hong Kong that prohibit, limit, or penalize the exercise of freedom of expression or assembly by citizens of Hong Kong, or that limit access to free and independent print, online, or broadcast media.
 - (IV) The extrajudicial rendition, arbitrary detention, or torture of any person in Hong Kong or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights or serious human rights abuse in Hong Kong.
- (C) To be or have been a leader or official of:
 - (I) An entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, any of the activities described above.
 - (II) An entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to EO 13936.
 - (III) To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked by EO 13936.
 - (IV) To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked by EO 13936.
- (D) To be a member of the board of directors or a senior executive officer of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked by EO 13936.
- (E) Under the authority of EO 13936, OFAC has already designated as SDNs several government officials in Hong Kong, including those in top political leadership. As a result of their SDN designation, US sanctions extend to dealings

with any non-listed entity in which those SDNs hold, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50% or greater interest.

- (F) On September 25, 2020, OFAC issued Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) 840 on the effect of designating several political leaders of Hong Kong. FAQ 840 states that the designation of an official of the Government of the HKSAR does not itself block the HKSAR government or any government agency where the SDN is an official or otherwise exercises control. Accordingly, engaging in a routine interaction with an agency in which an SDN is an official, but which does not involve the SDN directly or indirectly, is not prohibited. FAQ 840 further states that U.S. persons may enter into HKSAR government contracts signed by a non-SDN official of the HKSAR to whom the HKSAR government has delegated the authority to enter such contracts.

(xi) **Application to Iraq**

- (1) In response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990, the United States imposed comprehensive sanctions, including a trade embargo against Iraq and a freeze of the assets of the then-Iraqi government, which were implemented in the Iraqi Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 575. In the following years, a series of Executive Orders adjusted the sanctions in response to events in Iraq. On September 13, 2010, OFAC published final rules removing the Iraqi Sanctions Regulations from 31 C.F.R. Chapter V and adding a more limited set of restrictions in the Iraq Stabilization and Insurgency Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 576 (the "**ISISR**"), in implementation of Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13438 of July 17, 2007. The ISISR contain the current limited OFAC restrictions involving Iraq and Iraqi property but they do not broadly prohibit all trade with Iraq.
- (2) During the Track Record Period, there have been no broad-based sanctions in place against Iraq, but there are certain prohibitions and asset freezes against SDNs (e.g., specific individuals and entities associated with the former Saddam Hussein regime, as well as parties determined to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, an act of violence that has the purpose or effect of threatening the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq or undermining efforts to promote economic reconstruction and political reform in Iraq or to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people). In addition to these targeted sanctions, the ISISR impose some specific prohibitions designed to protect certain Iraqi property and contain certain provisions dealing with residual restrictions from the 1990 Iraqi sanctions.
- (3) The ISISR also prohibit the trade in or transfer of ownership or possession of Iraqi cultural property or other items of archaeological, historical, cultural, rare scientific, and religious importance that were illegally removed, or for which a reasonable suspicion exists that

they were illegally removed, from the Iraq National Museum, the National Library, and other locations in Iraq since August 6, 1990.

- (4) With certain exceptions, U.S. persons are prohibited from dealing with persons listed on the SDN List, and all property in which any blocked person has an interest is blocked if it is in the United States or in the possession or control of a U.S. person, wherever located. Entities which a designated party owns (defined as an ownership interest of 50% or more, individually or in the aggregate) are also blocked, regardless of whether that entity is separately named on OFAC's SDN List.
- (5) Property and interests in property that come under the control of U.S. military forces and their coalition partners in Iraq under the command or operational control of the commander of the U.S. Central Command are authorized and exempt from the blocking provisions. Moreover, ISISR do not prohibit sale to non-SDNs in Iraq of non-U.S. origin consumer products and the other items in which the Group trades.

(xii) **Application to Lebanon**

- (1) Currently, the U.S. government maintains targeted list-based sanctions against the Lebanon. These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs as well as those entities which an SDN owns (defined as an ownership interest of 50% or more individually or in the aggregate). These regulations are set forth at 31 C.F.R. Part 549. For Lebanon sanctions purposes, persons and entities can be designated as SDNs for having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13441:
 - (A) to have taken, or to pose a significant risk of taking, actions, including acts of violence, that have the purpose or effect of undermining Lebanon's democratic processes or institutions, contributing to the breakdown of the rule of law in Lebanon, supporting the reassertion of Syrian control or otherwise contributing to Syrian interference in Lebanon, or infringing upon or undermining Lebanese sovereignty;
 - (B) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, such actions, including acts of violence, or any person described above; or
 - (C) to be a spouse or dependent child of any person described above.
- (2) Under Executive Order 13441, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under Executive Order 13441 and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[LEBANON]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.

(xiii) **Application to Libya**

- (1) As of December 16, 2011, there are no broad-based sanctions against Libya. Broad sanctions were imposed on February 25, 2011, on the Government of Libya and members of Colonel Gadhafi's family who are designated as SDNs. However, after the change of power in Libya, OFAC initially eased and then ultimately lifted substantially all of the restrictions that were imposed on dealings with property in which the Government of Libya or its agencies or instrumentalities had an interest. Pursuant to OFAC's General License 11, virtually all transactions with the Government of Libya are now permitted.
- (2) On April 19, 2016, the United States issued new sanctions under Executive Order (Executive Order 13726). These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs. For Libya sanctions purposes, persons and entities can be designated as SDNs for having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13726:
 - (A) being responsible for or complicit or engaging in actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Libya, the supply of arms or related materiel; actions or policies that obstruct, undermine, delay, or impede, or pose a significant risk of obstructing, undermining, delaying, or impeding, the adoption of or political transition to a Government of National Accord or a successor government; actions that may lead to or result in the misappropriation of state assets of Libya; or threatening or coercing Libyan state financial institutions or the Libyan National Oil Company;
 - (B) to be planning, directing, or committing, or to have planned, directed, or committed, attacks against any Libyan state facility or installation (including oil facilities), against any air, land, or sea port in Libya, or against any foreign mission in Libya; to be involved in, or to have been involved in, the targeting of civilians through the commission of acts of violence, abduction, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or locations where civilians are seeking refuge, or through conduct that would constitute a serious abuse or violation of human rights or a violation of international humanitarian law;
 - (C) to be involved in, or to have been involved in, the illicit exploitation of crude oil or any other natural resources in Libya, including the illicit production, refining, brokering, sale, purchase, or export of Libyan oil;
 - (D) being a leader of entities engaged in the above or SDNs designated under the Executive Order; or
 - (E) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material or technological support for, or goods and services in support of, any person engaged in the activities listed above.

- (3) Under Executive Order 13726, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. Persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under Executive Order 13726 and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[LIBYA3]" (and other designees may appear with the identifier "[LIBYA2]"). The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.
- (4) Additionally, any transactions involving funds, including cash, securities, bank accounts, and investment accounts, and precious metals of the Libyan Investment Authority ("**LIA**") and entities owned or controlled by the LIA that were blocked as of September 19, 2011 (that property remains blocked but this prohibition only relates to property frozen by U.S. persons prior to Sept. 19, 2011 pursuant to the executive order from Feb. 25, 2011).

(xiv) **Application to Mali**

- (1) Since July 26, 2019, the U.S. government maintains targeted list-based sanctions against Mali under Executive Order 13882. These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs, as well as entities owned at 50% or greater level by SDNs. These regulations are set forth at 31 C.F.R. Part 555. For purpose of Mali sanctions, persons and entities can be designated as SDNs for having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13882:
 - (A) to be responsible for, or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged
 - (I) in actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Mali;
 - (II) actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Mali;
 - (III) a hostile act in violation of, or an act that obstructs, including by prolonged delay, or threatens the implementation of, the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali;
 - (IV) planning, directing, or conducting against local, regional, or state institutions, the Malian defense and security forces, any international security presences, MINUSMA peacekeepers, other United Nations or associated personnel, or any other peacekeeping operations;
 - (V) obstructing the delivery or distribution of, or access to, humanitarian assistance;
 - (VI) planning, directing, or committing an act that violates international humanitarian law or that constitutes a serious human rights abuse or violation, including an

act involving the targeting of civilians through the commission of an act violation, abduction or enforced disappearance, forced displacement, or an attack on a school, hospital, religious site, or location where civilians are seeking refuge;

- (VII) the use or recruitment of children by armed groups or armed forces in the context of the armed conflict in Mali;
 - (VIII) the illicit production or trafficking of narcotics or their precursors originating or transiting through Mali;
 - (IX) trafficking in persons, smuggling migrants, or trafficking or smuggling arms or illicitly acquired cultural property; or
 - (X) any transaction or series of transactions involving bribery or other corruption, such as the misappropriation Malian public assets or expropriation of private assets for personal gain or political purposes.
- (B) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material or technological support for, or goods and services in support of, any person engaged in the activities listed above; or
- (C) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13882.
- (2) Under Executive Order 13882, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under Executive Order 13882 and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[MALI-EO13882]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.

(xv) **Application to Myanmar/Burma**

- (1) The United States historically had imposed comprehensive sanctions against Myanmar/Burma, which primarily prohibited new investment in the country and exports of financial services (exports of goods to non-SDNs were not widely restricted even in the past). Responding to democratic reforms in Myanmar/Burma, the United States eased these sanctions in 2012, allowing for the export of financial services and certain new investment, while generally continuing to prohibit transactions involving SDNs.
- (2) Under the Burmese Sanctions Regulations ("**BSR**"), 31 C.F.R. 537, after 2012, U.S. persons were generally not prohibited from exporting goods, software or technology to Myanmar/Burma unless

an SDN is involved. Property and interest in property belonging to SDNs generally may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with by U.S. persons.

- (3) New investment in Myanmar/Burma and the exportation of financial services to Myanmar/Burma were authorized after the 2012 easing under the general licenses contained in the regulations. However, given human rights considerations, the general licenses imposed certain restrictions on transactions involving the Burmese Ministry of Defense, state or non-state armed groups (which includes the military), or entities owned by these organizations.
- (4) On December 7, 2015, in an effort to facilitate the flow of trade with Myanmar/Burma, OFAC further authorized most transactions ordinarily incident to the export of goods, technology, or non-financial services to or from Myanmar/Burma when an SDN is involved indirectly (not as a recipient/sender of the goods). However, transactions to, from, or on behalf of any SDN were still prohibited.
- (5) On October 7, 2016, OFAC's sanctions against Myanmar/Burma were lifted in their entirety. There are no remaining sanctions against Myanmar/Burma, although certain restricted parties in the country may continue to be designated by OFAC for their involvement in narcotics trafficking or other illicit activities. On August 17, 2018, OFAC added four Burmese Military and Border Guard Police ("**BGP**") commanders and two Burmese military units to the SDN List. Effective June 16, 2017, the BSR have been removed from the OFAC's regulations in Part V of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (6) On February 10, 2021, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 14014, which provides the Secretary of the Treasury with authority to designate persons
 - (A) determined to be operating in the defense sector of the Burmese economy or any other sector of the Burmese economy as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury;
 - (B) who have been responsible for, complicit in, or engaged or attempted to engage in:
 - (I) actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Burma;
 - (II) actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Burma;
 - (III) actions or policies that prohibit, limit, or penalize the exercise of freedom of expression or assembly by people in Burma, or that limit access to print, online, or broadcast media in Burma; or
 - (IV) the arbitrary detention or torture of any person in Burma or other serious human rights abuse in Burma;

- (C) to be a leader or official of:
 - (I) the military or security forces of Burma, or any successor entity to any of the foregoing;
 - (II) the Government of Burma on or after February 2, 2021;
 - (III) an entity that has, or whose members have, engaged in any activity described in subsection (B) above relating to the leader's or official's tenure; or
 - (IV) an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order as a result of activities related to the leader's or official's tenure;
 - (D) to be a political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Government of Burma;
 - (E) to be a spouse or adult child of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to EO 14014;
 - (F) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to EO 14014; or
 - (G) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the military or security forces of Burma or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to EO 14014.
- (7) OFAC has designated as SDNs several persons and entities under EO 14014. Restrictions extend to any entity which such SDNs own at 50% or greater level, directly or indirectly.
- (xvi) **Application to Russia (excluding Crimea, DPR, and LPR regions)**
- (1) The U.S. President has issued several Executive Orders: Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, Executive Order 13661 of March 16, 2014, Executive Order 13662 of March 20, 2014, Executive Order 13685 of December 19, 2014, Executive Order 13849 of September 20, 2018, Executive Order 13883 of August 3, 2019, Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021, Executive Order 14039 of August 20, 2021, Executive Order 14065 of February 21, 2022, Executive Order 14066 of March 8, 2022, Executive Order of March 11, 2022, and Executive Order 14071 of April 16, 2022, finding that the actions and policies of the Government of Russia, including its purported annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, and purported recognition of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) or Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) regions of Ukraine continue to undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, and thereby constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. These Executive Orders impose comprehensive restrictions on dealings

with SDNs (including entities owned, at 50% or higher level, by SDNs directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate), comprehensive trade embargo on the Crimea, LPR, and DPR regions, prohibitions on the import into the United States of Russian-origin fish, seafood, or preparations thereof, alcoholic beverages, non-industrial diamonds, or other Russian-origin products as determined by the U.S. Government, prohibition on import into the United States of Russian-origin oil, gas, and coal, prohibition on new investment in the Russian energy sector by U.S. persons or other sectors as determined by the United States Government, prohibition on direct or indirect supply of luxury goods as defined by the U.S. Government, a more general prohibition on new investment in Russia by U.S. persons, and more limited restrictions (so-called "**sectoral sanctions**") on certain types of dealings with designated parties in certain sectors in Russia, including energy, financial and defense sectors (including entities owned by them, at 50% or higher level, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate).

- (2) With certain exceptions, U.S. persons are prohibited from dealing with certain Russian persons and entities listed on OFAC's SDN List (or entities owned by them, as noted above); from dealing in any property in the U.S. or in the possession or control of a U.S. person in which any SDN has an interest; and in making any new investment in or exporting or importing any product, service or technology to or from the Crimea, DPR, or LPR regions. In addition, there are export restrictions on certain U.S.-origin products as well as restrictions on U.S. persons' ability to provide any products or services to certain parties in Russia targeted by sectoral sanctions if such items would be used for one of the three types of targeted oil/gas production or exploration projects (irrespective of the origin of such goods or services).
- (3) Pursuant to Executive Order 13662 ("**EO 13662**") and the Ukraine-Related Sanctions Regulations ("**URSR**"), OFAC promulgated financial restrictions on companies operating in specific sectors of the Russian economy, and the restrictions apply whenever there is a U.S. nexus to the transaction (including USD payments). The entities listed on the Sectoral Sanctions Identifications List ("**SSIL**") have not been added to the SDN List so these SSIs are not subject to blocking requirements noted above. Instead, OFAC has prohibited certain types of transactions with the SSIs. Specifically, OFAC issued four "directives" as outlined below (certain of these have since been amended, as described in further detail below):
 - (A) Directive 1: The following transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States involving targeted companies are prohibited by Directive 1: "all transactions in, provision of financing for, and other dealings in new debt of longer than 14 days maturity or new equity of [these] persons..., their property, or their interests in property..." The 14-day term is for new debt or new equity issued on or after November 28, 2017. For new debt or new equity issued on or after July 16, 2014 and before September 12, 2014, the term is 90 days. For new debt or new equity issued on or after September 12, 2014 and before November 28, 2017, the term is 30 days. All other transactions with these persons are permitted,

provided such transactions are not otherwise prohibited by any other sanctions programs implemented by OFAC.

- (B) Directive 2: The following transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States involving targeted companies are prohibited by Directive 2: "all transactions in, provision of financing for, and other dealings in new debt of longer than 60 days (for new debt issued after November 28, 2017 but the term is 90 days for new debt issued between July 16, 2014 and before November 28, 2017) maturity of [these] persons..., their property, or their interests in property..." All other transactions with these persons are permitted, provided such transactions do not otherwise involve any other sanctions programs implemented by OFAC. Unlike Directive 1, Directive 2 does not place restrictions on transacting in, providing financing for, or otherwise dealing in new equity of the entities listed pursuant to Directive 2.
 - (C) Directive 3: The following transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States involving targeted companies are prohibited by Directive 3: "all transactions in, provision of financing for, and other dealings in new debt of longer than 30 days maturity of [these] persons..., their property, or their interests in property..." All other transactions with these persons are permitted, provided such transactions do not otherwise involve any other sanctions programs implemented by OFAC. Unlike Directive 1, Directive 3 does not place restrictions on transacting in, providing financing for, or otherwise dealing in new equity of the entities listed pursuant to Directive 3.
 - (D) Directive 4: The following transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States involving targeted companies are prohibited by Directive 4: "the provision, exportation, or re-exportation, directly or indirectly, of goods, services (except for financial services), or technology in support of exploration or production for deepwater (more than 500 feet), Arctic offshore, or shale projects (i) that have the potential to produce oil in the Russian Federation, or in maritime area claimed by the Russian Federation and extending from its territory" or (ii) "that are initiated on or after January 29, 2018, that have the potential to produce oil in any location, and in which any person determined to be subject to this Directive or any earlier version thereof, their property, or their interests in property has (a) a 33 percent or greater ownership interest, or (b) ownership of a majority of the voting interests."
- (4) The SSIL restrictions apply not only to U.S. persons' dealings with the designated under the directives above, but also to entities directly or indirectly owned, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or more by entities, listed on the SSIL (the "**SSI**").
 - (5) "Debt" in the SSIL context includes bonds, loans, extensions of credit, loan guarantees, letters of credit, drafts, bankers' acceptances, discount notes or bills, or commercial paper. "Equity"

includes stocks, share issuances, depositary receipts, or any other evidence of title or ownership. OFAC has advised that these lists are illustrative, not exhaustive. OFAC has confirmed that the term "extension of credit" would include providing an SSI customer with payment terms that exceed 30 or 90 days, depending on the Directive under which the SSI is designated.

- (6) In addition, there are export restrictions on certain U.S.-origin products as well as restrictions on U.S. person's ability to provide any products or services to certain parties in Russia targeted by sectoral sanctions if such items would be used for one of the three types of targeted oil/gas production or exploration projects (irrespective of the origin of such goods or services).
- (7) On August 2, 2017, President Trump signed into law the "Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act" ("**CAATSA**"), which amended some of the existing U.S. primary sanctions against Russia and added secondary sanctions targeting certain activities involving Russia. For example, CAATSA required OFAC to amend Directive 1 by reducing the maturity term from 30 to 14 days, and Directive 2 by reducing the maturity term from 90 to 60 days, tightening restrictions on the extension of credit to SSI entities targeted by these directives. On September 29, 2017, OFAC issued amended Directives 1 and 2, indicating that the reduction of maturity term to 14 and 60 days, respectively, would be effective as of November 28, 2017. CAATSA also required OFAC to amend Directive 4, which targets certain energy projects, expanding its territorial reach beyond Russia to any location in the world where one of the targeted exploration/production projects is located so long as a Russian SSI party has at least a 33% interest in such project (this took effect on January 29, 2018). CAATSA also authorizes the U.S. Government to designate state-owned entities in the Russian railway sector and impose sectoral sanctions upon such designations.
- (8) In addition to changes to sectoral sanctions, there are also secondary sanctions that were imposed by CAATSA, so any persons (U.S. or non-U.S.) who engage in these activities could face exposure to restrictive U.S. measures, even if the underlying activity has no U.S. nexus. These new Russia-related secondary sanctions include (but are not limited to):
 - (A) Making of an investment that directly and significantly contributes to the enhancement of the ability of the Russian Federation to construct energy export pipelines; or selling, leasing or providing to the Russian Federation, for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, goods, services, technology, information, or support that could directly and significantly facilitate the maintenance or expansion of the construction, modernization, or repair of energy export pipelines by the Russian Federation, and which meet either of the following criteria:
 - (I) Any of which have a fair market value of US\$1,000,000 or more; or

- (II) That, during a 12-month period, have an aggregate fair market value of US\$5,000,000 or more.
 - (B) Making an investment, with actual knowledge, of US\$10,000,000 or more (or any combination of investments of not less than US\$1,000,000 each, which in the aggregate equals or exceeds US\$10,000,000 in any 12-month period), or facilitates such an investment, if the investment directly and significantly contributes to the ability of the Russian Federation to privatize state-owned assets in a manner that unjustly benefits:
 - (I) Officials of the Government of the Russian Federation; or
 - (II) Close associates or family members of those officials.
 - (C) Knowingly engaging in a "significant" transaction with a Russian sanctioned person as defined in Section 228, or with a person that is part of, or operates for or on behalf of, the Russian defense or intelligence sectors as defined in Section 231 of CAATSA. For purposes of Section 231, the U.S. Government issued a list of "persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation" so foreign parties have additional clarity as to who in Russia is targeted by this measure and can avoid engaging in "significant" transactions with such parties unless such foreign parties want to face exposure under secondary U.S. sanctions.
 - (D) Foreign financial institutions determined to have knowingly facilitated certain defense- and energy-related transactions on behalf of the Russian Government, or have knowingly facilitated a significant financial transaction on behalf of any Russian SDN.
- (9) Non-U.S. companies engaging in these sanctionable activities are potentially subject to the imposition of several restrictions by the U.S. Government, such as visa denials, prohibition on importation of products into the United States, restrictions on accessing U.S. financing or processing USD payments, and even a designation as an SDN.
- (10) Moreover, CAATSA also required the President to submit a list identifying "the most significant senior foreign political figures and oligarchs in the Russian Federation, as determined by their closeness to the Russian regime and their net worth." This list was submitted on January 29, 2018, but did not result in the imposition of sanctions on the individuals listed.
- (11) The U.S. Government has issued guidance to clarify broad language used in Section 228. A broad reading of Section 228 would have allowed the U.S. Government to impose restrictive measures on any non-U.S. person who facilitates a "significant" transaction with an SSI entity, even if such transaction is not prohibited by

primary U.S. sanctions. The term "significant" is not defined in CAATSA, and the U.S. Government could use multiple factors in deciding what is significant. The OFAC guidance made it clear that the term "significant transaction" will not include transactions that do not require a U.S. person to obtain a specific license from OFAC to participate in them (such guidance was recently incorporated into amended regulations issued by OFAC). As such, the activities with SSIs that are not prohibited by sectoral sanctions should also not trigger exposure under Section 228. The OFAC guidance indicates that a transaction in which a party is on the SSI list "must also involve deceptive practices (i.e., attempts to obscure or conceal the actual parties or true nature of the transaction(s), or to evade sanctions) to potentially be considered significant." Therefore, even if a U.S. person would need a license from OFAC to engage in an activity with an SSI, a non-U.S. person engaging in the same transaction will not face secondary sanctions exposure under Section 228 so long as there are no deceptive practices.

- (12) On September 20, 2018, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 13849 ("EO 13849") to implement the CAATSA sanctions. EO 13849 prohibits U.S. financial institutions from making loans or providing credits to designated persons totalling more than \$10 million USD in any 2-month period (unless such person is engaged in activities to relieve human suffering and the loans or credits are provided for such activities; prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which the sanctioned person has any interest; prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions, or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent such transfers or payments are subject to U.S. jurisdiction and involve the sanctioned person; block all property and interests in property of sanctioned persons; prohibit any U.S. person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of the sanctioned person; and impose similar measures on the principal executive officer or officers of sanctioned persons or any persons performing similar functions or with similar authorities
- (13) On August 1, 2019, the U.S. Government issued EO 13883, which provides for sanctions against Russia for violations of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Act.
- (14) On March 2, 2021, the U.S. Government announced additional restrictions related to Russia, including designating parts of the Russian government (Federal Security Bureau and Main Intelligence Directorate) as SDNs under a different sanctions program. There are also new export control restrictions on certain items to Russia under both the EAR and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR"), and new designations on the BIS Entity List.
- (15) On April 15, 2021, the President of the United States issued EO 14024 that provides new authorities to designate persons as SDNs, including among others those found by OFAC to be operating in Russia's technology and defense (and related materiel) sectors (in February 2022, Russia's financial services sector was also added to the list of targeted sectors under EO 14024, creating risks for those

found to be operating in such sector; additional sectors of Russian economy were subsequently designated under this authority). On April 15, 2021, Directive 1 was issued under EO 14024 which provides targeted financial sanctions related to purchases by U.S. financial institutions of Russian sovereign debt (we note that this Directive 1 under EO 14024 is distinct from Directive 1 issued under EO 13662 referenced above). On February 22, 2022, Directive 1 was superseded by Directive 1A and OFAC also issued Directives 2, 3, and 4 pursuant to EO 14024:

- (A) Directive 1A: as of June 14, 2021, U.S. financial institutions are prohibited in participating in the primary market for ruble or non-ruble denominated bonds issued after June 14, 2021 by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation ("**CBR**"), the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; as of March 1, 2022, U.S. financial institutions are prohibited from participating in the secondary market for ruble or non-ruble denominated bonds issued after March 1, 2022 by the CBR, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.
- (B) Directive 2: prohibits U.S. financial institutions from (i) opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of foreign financial institutions determined to be subject to the prohibitions of Directive 2, or their property or interests in property; and (ii) the processing of a transaction involving foreign financial institutions determined to be subject to the prohibitions of Directive 2, or their property or interests in property. Directive 2 prohibits such transactions not only with an institution identified in Annex I to Directive 2 but also any foreign financial institution owned 50% or more, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate by one or more foreign financial institutions determined to be subject to Directive 2.
- (C) Directive 3: prohibits U.S. persons from all transactions, provision of financing for, other dealings in, and providing new debt of longer than 14 days maturity or new equity to entities listed under Directive 3 where such new debt or new equity is issued after 12:01 a.m. ET on March 26, 2022 (or 30 days after a new entity is designated under Directive). Directive 3 applies both to any entity listed in Annex I or otherwise determined to be subject to Directive 3 and entities 50 percent or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by one or more entities determined to be subject to Directive 3.

- (D) Directive 4: prohibits U.S. persons from any transaction involving the CBR, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, including any transfer of assets to such entities or any foreign exchange transaction for or on behalf of such entities.
- (16) The Directives above are not full blocking sanctions like those that apply to SDNs so U.S. persons generally are only prohibited from engaging in transactions with entities listed under the Directives set forth above that are specifically prohibited under any of the Directives. OFAC has also issued several general licenses authorizing certain transactions involving parties subject to various Directives and/or certain SDNs.
- (17) OFAC has also issued several determinations pursuant to EO 14024:
- (A) The February 22, 2022 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the financial services sector of the Russian Federation economy;
 - (B) The March 31, 2022 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the aerospace, electronics, and marine sectors of the Russian Federation Economy;
 - (C) The May 8, 2022 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the accounting, trust, and corporate formation services, and management consulting sectors of the Russian Federation economy;
 - (D) The September 15, 2022 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the quantum computing sector in Russia;
 - (E) The February 24, 2023 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the metals and mining sector in Russia; and
 - (F) The May 19, 2023 determination provides OFAC authority to designate persons in the architecture, engineering, construction, manufacturing, and transportation sectors of the Russian Federation economy.
 - (G) By virtue of these determinations, OFAC can impose sanctions on any individual or entity determined to operate or have operated in any of these sectors in Russia.
- (18) On February 21, 2022, the President issued **EO 14065** which prohibits

- (A) New investment in DPR or LPR by a U.S. person;
 - (B) Import into the United States, directly or indirectly, of any goods, services, or technology from DPR or LPR;
 - (C) Export, reexport, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by a U.S. person of any goods, services, or technology to DPR or LPR; or
 - (D) U.S. person approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee of a transaction by a foreign person that would be prohibited as noted above.
- (19) On March 8, 2022, the President issued **EO 14066** which prohibits:
- (A) the importation into the United States of the following products of Russian Federation origin: crude oil; petroleum; petroleum fuels, oils, and products of their distillation; liquefied natural gas; coal; and coal products;
 - (B) new investment in the energy sector in the Russian Federation by a United States person, wherever located; and
 - (C) any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by this section if performed by a United States person or within the United States.
- (20) On March 11, 2022, the President issued **EO 14068** which prohibits:
- (A) the importation into the United States of the following products of Russian Federation origin: fish, seafood, and preparations thereof; alcoholic beverages; non-industrial diamonds; and any other products of Russian Federation origin as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce;
 - (B) the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of luxury goods, and any other items as may be determined by the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury, to any person located in the Russian Federation;

- (C) new investment in any sector of the Russian Federation economy as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, by a United States person, wherever located;
 - (D) the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of U.S. dollar-denominated banknotes to the Government of the Russian Federation or any person located in the Russian Federation; and
 - (E) any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by this section if performed by a United States person or within the United States.
- (21) On April 6, 2022, the President of the United States issued **EO 14071** which prohibited
- (A) new investment in the Russian Federation by a United States person, wherever located;
 - (B) the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any category of services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to any person located in the Russian Federation (on May 8, 2022, OFAC identified accounting, trust/corporate formation and management consulting services, and subsequently quantum computing services, architecture and engineering services were added as well); and
 - (C) any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by this section if performed by a United States person or within the United States.
 - (D) Effective June 7, 2022, OFAC issued a determination that prohibits US persons from providing accounting, trust and corporate formation services, management consulting services to persons in Russia.
 - (E) Effective September 15, 2022, OFAC issued a determination that prohibits US persons from providing quantum computing services to persons in Russia.

- (F) Effective December 5, 2022, OFAC issued a determination that prohibits US persons from providing (or facilitating the provision) of the following services that relate to the maritime transport of crude oil of Russian Federation origin (collectively, the "**Covered Services**") unless they relate to such oil purchased at or below the relevant price cap (subsequently effective February 5, 2022, the same Covered Services were targeted if they relate to the maritime transport of Russian-origin petroleum products purchased above the relevant price cap):
- (I) Trading/commodities brokering;
 - (II) Financing;
 - (III) Shipping;
 - (IV) Insurance, including reinsurance and protection and indemnity;
 - (V) Flagging; and
 - (VI) Customs brokering.
- (G) The May 19, 2023 determination prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of architecture services or engineering services to any person located in the Russian Federation; The May 19, 2023 determination prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of architecture services or engineering services to any person located in the Russian Federation;
- (H) The April 12, 2024 determination prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any of the Covered Metals Acquisition Services to any person located in the Russian Federation. "Covered Metals Acquisition Services" refer to the warranting services for aluminum, copper, or nickel of Russian Federation origin on a global metal exchange; and services to acquire aluminum, copper, or nickel of Russian Federation origin as part of physical settlement of a derivative contract;

- (l) The June 12, 2024 determination prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of IT consultancy and design services or of IT support services or cloud-based services for “Covered Software” to any person located in the Russian Federation, unless otherwise excluded or authorised. “Covered Software” refers as IT support services and cloud-based services for the following categories of software: enterprise management software and design and manufacturing software.
- (22) BIS also imposed strict export controls on items destined for Russia and a license is now required for: (a) any item identified in any Export Control Classification Number (“**ECCN**”) on the Commerce Control List (“**CCL**”) (b) any item subject to U.S. law, including EAR99 food and medicine, that is destined to an military end user (“**MEU**”) in Russia; (c) certain foreign-made items that are now subject to US law for purposes of export and reexport to Russia due to the expanded application of the foreign direct product rule; and (d) “luxury goods” subject to US law as defined by BIS or any other items subject to the EAR identified in Supplements 2, 4, 5 6, or 7 of the EAR’s Part 746.

(xvii) **Application to Somalia**

- (1) Current Somalia sanctions block the property and interests in property of persons identified as having engaged in the following activities in violation of Executive Order 13396, as amended by Executive Order 13620 (“**Somalia Sanctions Orders**”):
 - (A) Acts that directly or indirectly threaten the peace, security, or stability of Somalia;
 - (B) Obstruction of the delivery, access to, or distribution of humanitarian assistance to Somalia;
 - (C) The supply, sale, or transfer to Somalia, or to have been the recipient in the territory of Somalia of, arms or any related materiel, or any technical advice, training or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to military activities;
 - (D) The ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have participated in, the commission of acts of violence targeting civilians in Somalia, including killing and maiming, sexual and gender-

based violence, attacks on schools and hospitals, taking hostages, and forced displacement;

- (E) To be a political or military leader recruiting or using children in armed conflict in Somalia;
 - (F) To have engaged, directly or indirectly, in the import or export of charcoal from Somalia on or after February 22, 2012;
 - (G) To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods and services in support of, any person engaged in the activities listed above.
- (2) Under the Somalia Sanctions Orders, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with property or interests in property of an entity or individual identified as violating the Somalia Sanctions Orders and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[SOMALIA]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.

(xviii) Application to Tunisia

- (1) During the Track Record Period, the United States has not imposed any sanctions on Tunisia. Certain SDNs targeted under other OFAC sanctions programs may reside in Tunisia, and U.S. persons are prohibited from dealings with such parties and entities they own, at 50% or greater, directly or indirectly.

(xix) Application to Turkey

- (1) The United States does not maintain comprehensive sanctions against Turkey nor any sanctions that are territorial in nature and that apply to Turkey as a country. Pursuant to Executive Order 13894, OFAC maintains "Syria-related" sanctions that provide authority to designate certain parties, including officials or agencies of the Turkish government, who are found to contribute to the destabilization of situation in Syria or are involved in human rights abuses. On October 14, 2019, OFAC designated as SDNs the Turkish Ministry of National Defense and the Turkish Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, as well as several individual Turkish government officials. At the same time, OFAC issued general license providing temporary authorization to wind-down activities with these SDNs. Before that general license expired, these Turkish government entities and officials were removed from the SDN List so the restrictions never become effective against them in practical terms.

- (2) On December 14, 2020, the U.S. Government imposed certain sanctions on the Turkish Presidency of Defense Industries (Savunma Sanayii Başkanlığı, or SSB), a Turkish government entity but did not designate it as an SDN; its president, Dr. Ismail Demir; SSB Vice President Faruk Yigit; SSB Head of Air Defense and Space Department Serhat Genecoglu; and SSB Program Manager for Air Defense Systems Mustafa Alper Deniz pursuant to Section 231 of CAATSA. Pursuant to Section 231, the measures imposed on SSB include: a prohibition on U.S. export licenses and authorization for any goods or technology transferred to SSB; a prohibition on loans or credits by U.S. financial institutions to SSB totaling more than \$10 million in any 12-month period; a ban on U.S. Export-Import Bank assistance for exports to SSB; and a requirement for the United States to oppose loans benefitting SSB by international financial institutions. With respect to individual Turkish officials, a visa denial was imposed on Dr. Demir, Mr. Yigit, Mr. Genecoglu, and Mr. Deniz. These individuals have also been designated as SDNs and are subject to broad restrictions associated with such designation.

(xx) **Application to Ukraine (excluding Crimea, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, LPR and DPR regions)**

- (1) The U.S. President issued four recent Executive Orders: Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, Executive Order 13661 of March 16, 2014, Executive Order 13662 of March 20, 2014, and Executive Order 13685 of December 19, 2014, finding that the actions and policies of the Government of Russia, including its annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, continue to undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, and thereby constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.
- (2) With certain exceptions, U.S. persons are also prohibited from dealing with certain Ukrainian persons and entities listed on OFAC's SDN List (as well as entities owned, at 50% or greater level by SDNs), and from dealing in any property in the U.S. or in the possession or control of a U.S. person in which any blocked person has an interest.

(xxi) **Application to Zimbabwe**

- (1) Currently, the U.S. government maintains targeted list-based sanctions against Zimbabwe. These sanctions only block the property and interests in property of SDNs. These regulations are set forth at 31 C.F.R. Part 541. A series of executive orders targeted individuals and entities that were responsible for undermining democratic

processes, participating in human rights abuses, and engaging in public corruption in Zimbabwe.

- (2) Under Executive Orders 134288, 13391, and 13469, with certain exceptions, transactions by U.S. Persons, or in or involving the United States, are prohibited if they involve dealing with, or involving property of, a person or entity designated as an SDN under these Executive Orders and appearing on the OFAC SDN List with the identifier "[ZIMBABWE]". The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List. The property and interests in property of an entity that is 50% or more owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, by a person on the OFAC SDN List is also blocked, regardless of whether the entity itself appears on the OFAC SDN List.

(xxii) **Application to the Group**

- (1) No U.S. persons employed or otherwise engaged by the Company or its Group entities have been involved in any way (either directly or indirectly), including in the negotiation or approval of, or with the on-going performance of, any activities of the Company or its Group entities involving the Relevant Regions .
- (2) No financing or financial assistance has been received by the Group, either directly or indirectly, from any company, entity or body incorporated or located in the United States.
- (3) No products incorporate 10% or more (by value) of controlled U.S.-origin content nor are a direct product of controlled U.S. technology have been exported (either directly or indirectly) have been exported (either directly or indirectly) to any persons or entities identified on the BIS List.
- (4) No SDNs have been identified as being involved in any transaction conducted by the Company during the Track Record Period.
- (5) The Group's business did not involve industries or sectors that are currently subject to specific sanctions by the United States.
- (6) The Company has reviewed all transaction records since January 1, 2019 and has not identified any transactions related to Sanctioned Countries during that time.

Hogan Lovells' assessment is that the Group's business in the Relevant Regions do not appear to violate or implicate any breaches of the applicable U.S. sanctions.

(c) **Secondary Sanctions Applicable to Non-U.S. Persons**

- (i) The U.S. has also enacted secondary sanctions targeting non-U.S. persons who are engaged in certain defined activities, including:
- (1) those who are dealing in "confiscated" property in Cuba;
 - (2) those who are engaging in certain Syria- or Iran-related activities, including certain targeted sectors of Iranian, North Korean, Belarussian, Burmese, Russian and Venezuelan economy;
 - (3) those who are found to "operate in" the Crimea, DPR or LPR region or in the targeted sectors of Venezuelan economy (gold, oil, financial, defense/security) Russian economy (energy, metals and mining, quantum computing, defense, technology, financial services, aerospace, marine, electronics, accounting, management consulting, and trust/corporate formation sectors,), North Korean (construction, energy, financial services, fishing, information technology, manufacturing, medical, mining, textiles, or transportation), Burmese (defense), or Belarussian economy (defense and related materiel, security, energy, potassium chloride (potash) sector, tobacco products, construction, or transportation);
 - (4) those engaging in a "significant" importation from or exportation to North Korea of any goods, services, or technology;
 - (5) those engaging in "significant" transactions with Iranian or Russian SDNs; and
 - (6) those who are engaging in the provision of "material assistance" or support to most types of SDNs (including SDNs designated under the Ukraine/Russia sanctions programs, among others).
- (ii) The Company has, for and on behalf of the Group has confirmed that based on their due diligence process, it has no dealings involving Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Crimea, or DPR/LPR regions, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, and Venezuela or with any SDNs. The "manufacturing" sector of Russian economy was designated under EO 14024 on May 19, 2023, providing authority to OFAC to impose sanctions on any person found to "operate in" such designated sector (US sanctions do not automatically apply to every company in that sector in Russia; instead, OFAC has to exercise its discretionary authority to designate a particular person or entity for "operating in" such sector for US sanctions to apply). The term "manufacturing sector" is broadly defined by OFAC in FAQ 1126 to include "activities such as the creation, modification, repair, testing, or financing, of goods by manual labor or machinery involving the Russian Federation and any related activities, including the provision or receipt of goods, services, or technology to, from, or involving the manufacturing sector of the Russian Federation economy." Although the "provision of goods" aspect of that definition is broad enough to cover the Group as well (when it is selling its battery products to its customers in the manufacturing sector of the Russian Federation economy), it appears unlikely that OFAC would view the Group

itself as “operating in” Russia’s manufacturing sector by merely selling the Group’s products to Russia. The nature of the Group’s business with Relevant Regions should not trigger other U.S. secondary sanctions industries. Accordingly, secondary sanctions are not likely to be triggered by the Group’s business operations, based on our due diligence process, the Group’s due diligence in this respect, as well as the information provided by the Group. For those reasons, Hogan Lovells’ assessment is that the risk that the Group or Relevant Persons would face exposure to secondary U.S. sanctions is remote.

(d) The Offering

- (i) The Group will be required to make standard representations, warranties and covenants to the Sponsors in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and International Underwriting Agreement that the proceeds of the offering will not be used in any manner that could be found to violate any International Sanctions laws or regulations, including representing that the Group will not make any of the proceeds of the offering, directly or indirectly, available to (i) a person on the SDN List or (ii) fund any activity that is prohibited by International Sanctions laws or regulations.
- (ii) We note from the draft Prospectus as of August 13, 2025 under which the Group’s intended uses of the proceeds of the offering are set out in detail, and we have relied on those statements in connection with our analysis; the Group has confirmed that such statements are accurate in all respects. In those statements, the Group confirms that the proceeds will be used:
 - (1) for the construction of a lithium-ion batteries production facility abroad;
 - (2) fund the establishment of a research and development centre focusing on the research and development of (i) enhanced energy storage battery life; (ii) solid state battery; (iii) sodium-ion battery; and (iv) BMS technology;
 - (3) to strengthen the Group’s overseas sales and marketing so that the Group can enhance the global presence and boost the Group’s international sales; and
 - (4) for the Group’s working capital and general corporate purposes.
- (iii) We also note that none of the Company and its subsidiaries, their respective shareholders, directors or officers disclosed in the Prospectus is a person or entity named on the SDN List.

5.2 U.S. Export/Re-Export Controls

- (a) Unlike U.S. economic sanctions that follow the persons or parties involved, U.S. export controls follow the product involved. Any item that is sent from the United States to a foreign destination is an export. “Items” include commodities, software or technology, including but not limited to circuit boards, automotive parts, blueprints, design plans, retail software packages and technical information. How an item is transported outside of the United States does not matter in determining export license requirements. For example, an item can be sent by regular mail, hand-carried on an airplane, sent via facsimile, software can be uploaded to or downloaded from an Internet site, or technology can be transmitted via e-mail or

during a telephone conversation. Regardless of the method used for the transfer, the transaction is considered an export (or a re-export if such U.S.-origin item is transferred from one foreign country to another).

- (b) The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (the "**BIS**") controls exports and re-exports of commercial and dual-use products, software and technology. These controls are implemented by the United States Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (the "**EAR**"), administered by BIS.
- (c) The EAR applies to exports of commodities, software and technology from the United States to foreign countries and to re-exports from one foreign country to another. In addition, they apply to shipments from one foreign country to another of foreign-made products that incorporate more than *de minimis* amount of controlled U.S. origin parts, components or materials, or are the foreign direct product of certain controlled U.S. technology. The *de minimis* threshold varies, from 25% for most countries to less than 10% for Iran (Cuba, North Korea, and Syria also have the 10% threshold but Crimea, DPR, and LPR regions of Ukraine have the 25% threshold), and what items are considered controlled (and thus are included in the *de minimis* calculation) also varies. The United States has also instituted export-related restrictions for certain commercial and dual-use items subject to the EAR when destined to Russia for certain end-uses or end-users, as well as restrictive licensing policies under the U.S. International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("**ITAR**") for export-related transactions involving defence articles and defence services intended for end-use in Russia. The ITAR export controls are administered by the U.S. Department of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.
- (d) Hogan Lovells conducted screenings of the list of overseas customers on July 10, 2024, February 24, 2025 and July 16, 2025, and the list counterparties in Xinjiang on July 19, 2024 and March 7, 2025 provided by the Group using Accuity screening tool against the lists of Sanctioned Persons maintained by the Relevant Jurisdictions. Among the lists provided by the Group listed, Huawei International Co. Limited, Huawei International Pte. Ltd., Transworld Aviation FZE are identified to be entities listed on the Entity List maintained by the BIS. Given that the Group does not sell U.S.-origin products or non-U.S. origin products that incorporate 10% or more of controlled U.S.-origin products, software or technology, U.S. export control restrictions applicable to these entities for being designated on the Entity List are not implications.
- (e) On the basis of our due diligence conducted and the Company's confirmations that it does not:
 - (i) export products, software or technology that subject to the EAR from the United States or incorporate U.S.-origin technology or software; and
 - (ii) sell U.S.-origin products or non-U.S. origin products that incorporate 10% or more of controlled U.S.-origin products, software or technology;

Therefore, these U.S. export controls do not apply to the Group's items.

6. UN SANCTIONS

- 6.1 UN sanctions measures are adopted via a Resolution of the UN Security Council ("**UNSC**"). The UNSC can take action to maintain or restore international peace and security under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. UN Security Council Resolutions are binding upon all members of the UN, including the United States, Member States of the European

Union and Australia. UN Member States are required to bring into force (i.e. implement, administer and enforce) national measures to ensure compliance with the measures prescribed in the UN Resolution. The main aim of UN sanctions measures, as set out in the UN Charter, is to maintain or restore international peace and security. Sanctions measures encompass a broad range of enforcement options that do not involve the use of armed force. Since 1966, the UNSC has established 30 sanctions regimes. Decision of UNSC bind members of the UN and override other obligations of UN member states.

6.2 The UNSC sanctions have taken a number of different forms, in pursuit of a variety of goals. The measures have ranged from comprehensive economic and trade sanctions to more targeted measures such as arms embargoes, travel bans, and financial or commodity restrictions. The UNSC has applied sanctions to support peaceful transitions, deter non-constitutional changes, constrain terrorism, protect human rights and promote non-proliferation. There are 14 ongoing sanctions regimes which focus on supporting political settlement of conflicts, nuclear non-proliferation, and counter-terrorism. Each regime is administered by a sanctions committee chaired by a non-permanent member of the UNSC. There are ten monitoring groups, teams and panels that support the work of the sanctions committees. United Nations sanctions are imposed by the UNSC, usually acting under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

6.3 Application to Afghanistan

- (a) On October 15, 1999 the UNSC adopted resolution 1267 (1999) imposing a sanctions regime in relation to the Taliban in response to violations of international humanitarian law and of human rights, particularly discrimination against women and girls, and the continuing use of Afghan territory, especially areas controlled by the Taliban, for the sheltering and training of terrorists and planning of terrorist acts.
- (b) On June 17, 2011, the UNSC adopted resolutions 1988 (2011) (in relation to the Taliban) and 1989 (2011) (in relation to Al-Qaida) and decided that the list of individuals and entities subject to restrictive measures originally imposed by resolution 1267 (1999) would be split in two.
- (c) UNSC resolution 2178 (2014) noted that foreign terrorist fighters and those who finance or otherwise facilitate their travel and subsequent activities may be eligible for designation for Al-Qaida sanctions. UNSC resolution 2199 (2015) emphasised that the asset freezing requirements in the Al-Qaida sanctions regime extend to oil, oil products, modular refineries and related material and other natural resources. Resolution 2199 also introduced a ban on the trade in illegally removed cultural property from Syria and reaffirmed the existing ban in relation to Iraq.
- (d) On December 17, 2015, the UNSC adopted resolution 2253 changing the name of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and expressly included association with ISIL as part of the designation criteria.
- (e) On 20 July 2017, the UNSC adopted resolution 2368 reaffirming the restrictions imposed by previous resolutions (as listed above) and urging all States to identify and introduce adequate measures to fully implement all aspects of the restrictive measures. The UNSC further reiterated these objectives through resolutions 2462 (2019) and 2560 (2020).
- (f) In summary, the above measures prohibit:
 - (i) the unauthorized supply, sale or transfer to the Taliban, ISIL (Da'esh) or Al-Qaida, any arms or related material;

- (ii) the unauthorized provision to the Taliban, ISIL (Da'esh) or Al-Qaida of any technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of goods referred to above;
- (iii) the use or dealing with the assets of, and the making available of assets to, persons and entities designated by the UNSC; and
- (iv) travel ban with regard to persons designated by the UNSC.

6.4 Application to the Balkans

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions on the Balkans.

6.5 Application to Belarus

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions on Belarus.

6.6 Application to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

- (a) In response to acts of violence systematically perpetrated against civilians, including massacres, other atrocities, and violations of international humanitarian law and human rights, the UNSC adopted resolution 1493 (2003) on July 28, 2003, which imposed a sanctions regime on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- (b) With the adoption of resolution 1493 (2003), the UNSC first imposed an arms embargo on all foreign and Congolese armed groups and militias operating in the territory of North and South Kivu and Ituri, and on groups not party to the global and all-inclusive agreement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The sanctions regime was subsequently modified and strengthened with the adoption of resolutions 1533 (2004), 1596 (2005), 1649 (2005), 1698 (2006), 1768 (2007), 1771 (2007), and 1799 (2008), by which, inter alia, the UNSC extended the scope of the arms embargo to the entire Democratic Republic of the Congo territory, imposed targeted sanctions measures (travel bans and an asset freeze), and broadened the criteria under which individuals and entities could be designated as subject to those measures.
- (c) Since March 2008, with the adoption of resolution 1807 (2008), the arms embargo has been further modified.
- (d) By resolution 1952 (2010), adopted on November 29, 2010, the UNSC further extended the arms embargo and targeted travel and financial sanctions until November 30, 2010. By resolution 2078 (2012), the UNSC added to the sanctions criteria list political and military leaders of Congolese militias receiving support from outside the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Resolutions 2136 (2014), 2198 (2015), 2293 (2016), 2360 (2017), 2478 (2019), 2528 (2020) and most recently 2582 (2021) renewed the measures on arms, transport, finance and travel imposed by previous resolutions.
- (e) Subject to certain exceptions, the sanctions imposed against the Democratic Republic of the Congo include:
 - (i) a prohibition on the direct or indirect supply, sale and transfer from the territories of member states or by their nationals outside their territories, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and related material of all types, spare parts, and technical advice, assistance, or training related to military activities, to designated individuals and entities;

- (ii) provisions in relation to the freezing of assets with respect to the funds and other financial assets or economic resources of designated individuals and entities; and
- (iii) a prohibition on the entry into or transit through the territories of member states by designated individuals.

6.7 **Application to Egypt**

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions on Egypt.

6.8 **Application to Hong Kong**

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions on Hong Kong.

6.9 **Application to Iraq**

- (a) On August 6, 1990, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 661 (1990) imposing comprehensive sanctions on the regime of Saddam Hussein in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990. Most sanctions against Iraq were lifted by the adoption of Resolution 1483 (2003) on May 22, 2003, with the exception of an embargo against weapons and a prohibition on dealing in stolen Iraqi cultural property. The sanctions regime has subsequently been modified by additional resolutions, including Resolutions 1511 (2003), 1518 (2003) and 1546 (2004). Pursuant to Resolution 1518 (2003), the UN Security Committee ("**1518 Committee**") was established on November 24, 2003 to continue identifying senior officials of the former Iraqi regime and their immediate family members, including entities owned or controlled by them or by persons acting on their behalf, who are subject to the measures imposed by Resolution 1483 (2003).
- (b) Subject to certain exceptions, the sanctions imposed against Iraq include:
 - (i) a prohibition on the export of arms and related material to any person in Iraq; and
 - (ii) an assets freeze against the previous government of Iraq (i.e. that existed prior to May 22, 2003) and any person designated by the 1518 Committee.

6.10 **Application to Lebanon**

- (a) On October 31, 2005, the UNSC adopted Resolution 1636 (2005) imposing travel and financial sanctions in relation to Lebanon, in response to the terrorist bombing in Beirut on February 14, 2005 that killed former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and 22 others. Additional sanctions measures were introduced with the adoption of Resolution 1701 (2006) following the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in July 2006. These measures prohibit:
 - (i) the unauthorized supply, sale or transfer to Lebanon of arms or related material;
 - (ii) the unauthorized provision to Lebanon of any technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of goods referred to above; and
 - (iii) the use or dealing with the assets of, and the making available of assets to, persons and entities listed by the UNSC or by the Committee established by the UNSC sanctions pursuant to Resolution 1636.

- (b) To date, the relevant UN Security Council Sanctions Committee has not designated any targets under the relevant Lebanon related UNSC resolutions.

6.11 **Application to Libya**

- (a) On 26 February 2011, the UN Security Council passed Resolution 1970 (2011) imposing an arms embargo, a travel ban and asset-freezing measures in connection with the situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. On March 19, 2014, UN Security Council Resolution 2146 extended the sanctions regime to authorise inspections of vessels suspected of carrying illicit crude oil exports from Libya. The latest UN Security Council Resolution maintaining these measures is UN Security Council Resolution 2441 of November 5, 2018.

6.12 **Application to Mali**

- (a) On September 5, 2017, the UNSC established a sanctions regime on Mali, introducing a travel ban and assets freeze that will apply to individuals and entities engaged in actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the conflict-torn African country.
 - (i) all Member States shall take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of individuals designated by the Committee, provided that nothing shall oblige a State to refuse its own nationals entry into its territory;
 - (ii) all Member States shall freeze without delay all funds, other financial assets and economic resources which are on their territories, which are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the individuals or entities designated by the Committee, or by individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or by entities owned or controlled by them, and decides further that all Member States shall ensure that any funds, financial assets or economic resources are prevented from being made available by their nationals or by any individuals or entities within their territories, directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of the individuals or entities designated by the Committee.

6.13 **Application to Myanmar/Burma**

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not maintained any sanctions on Myanmar/Burma.

6.14 **Application to Russia (excluding Crimea region, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia region, LPR and DPR regions)**

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions with respect to Russia.

6.15 **Application to Somalia**

- (a) Pursuant to UNSC resolution 751 (1992), supplemented by resolutions 1844 (2008), 1907 (2009), 1916 (2010), 2036 (2012), 2498 (2019), 2551 (2020) and 2607 (2021), the UN imposed an asset freeze and a travel ban on persons engaging in or providing support for acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Somalia, including acts that threaten the Djibouti Agreement of August 18, 2008, threaten the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) or African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) by force, or obstruct the delivery or access to humanitarian assistance in Somalia. UN sanctions on Somalia also provide for an arms embargo to Somalia and to listed parties, a ban on the direct or indirect import

of charcoal from Somalia, and a ban on the export or transfer of explosive materials and technology to or for use in Somalia.

6.16 Application to Tunisia

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions with respect to Tunisia.

6.17 Application to Turkey

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions with respect to Turkey.

6.18 Application to Ukraine (excluding Crimea region, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia region, LPR and DPR regions)

- (a) During the Track Record Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions with respect to Ukraine.

6.19 Application to Zimbabwe

- (a) During the Review Period, the UN has not imposed any sanctions on Zimbabwe.

6.20 Application to the Group

- (a) On the basis of the Company's confirmations that neither the Company nor any of its affiliates, agents, directors, officers, or employees is engaged in transactions that directly or indirectly involve or benefit a person on the sanctions list of the UN;
- (b) Based on the Company's confirmations that the Group's business dealings in the Relevant Regions do not implicate the restrictive measures adopted by UN because the Group does not have any business dealings with persons on the list of persons and entities designated by the UN with whom member states of the UN are prevented from doing business with; and
- (c) Based on the Company's confirmations that all of the Company's business in relation to the Relevant Regions was in relation to the sales of lithium-ion battery and lead-acid battery products, which were not conducted in relation to, or otherwise involve any export-controlled products,

Hogan Lovells' assessment is therefore that the Company's business dealings do not implicate restrictive measures adopted by the UN and implemented by the United States, European Union, UK Overseas Territories and Australia.

7. EU AND UK SANCTIONS

7.1 Overview of EU Sanctions Measures

Sanctions are one of the EU's tools to promote the objectives of its Common Foreign and Security Policy ("CFSP"), being peace, democracy and the respect for the rule of law, human rights and international law.

- (a) Sanctions applicable in the EU stem from:
 - (i) sanctions adopted by the UN; or
 - (ii) autonomous sanctions regimes adopted by the EU without any UN action.

- (b) The EU implements sanctions measures via a unanimous decision of the Council of the European Union (the "**Council**"). Members States of the EU are then legally bound to act in conformity with the decision.
- (c) Certain sanctions, such as arms embargoes and travel bans, are implemented directly by EU Member States. Such measures only require a decision by the Council. Economic sanctions measures require separate implementing legislation in the form of a Council Regulation.
- (d) Council Regulations are directly applicable in EU Member States. However, some Member States may nevertheless enact national legislation implementing the EU sanctions measures. In addition, individual Member States are responsible for establishing measures to set and impose penalties and their implementation and enforcement, and for establishing relevant competent licensing authorities.
- (e) EU sanctions regimes are generally targeted, meaning that the relevant prohibitions or restrictions are focused on individual people or organizations, certain sectors of the target's economy, specified goods, technology, technical assistance and wider associated services, or specific activities.
- (f) As of January 1, 2021, the UK is no longer an EU Member State. Pursuant to the terms of Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement), EU law including sanctions law continued to apply to and in the UK until December 31, 2020. The UK was still an EU Member State during part of the Track Record Period and the EU sanctions analysis fully applies thereto until December 31, 2020. For the part of the Track Record Period starting on January 1, 2021, UK applied its own sanctions programs.

7.2 Overview of UK sanctions

- (a) Sanctions are one of the UK's tools to promote the objectives of its foreign policy, being peace, democracy and the respect for the rule of law, human rights and international law.
- (b) As of January 1, 2021, sanctions applicable in the UK stem from:
 - (i) Sanctions adopted by the UN; or
 - (ii) Autonomous sanctions regimes adopted by the UK; Some of which have been retained from EU legislation and have been transitioned into UK law.
- (c) UK sanctions are in force under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("**the UK Sanctions Act**"), which enables the transition of existing EU sanctions programs and the establishment of autonomous UK regimes. The UK Sanctions Act is implemented through regulations setting out the specific measures under each UK sanctions regime.
- (d) Specifically, Section 63(3)(c) of the UK Sanctions Act provides that the UK may by way of Order extend the application of the sanctions regulations to any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and any of the British Overseas Territories. UK sanctions measures have also been extended by the UK on a regime by regime basis to apply to and in the UK Overseas Territories (without requiring enactment of any further legislation by them), including the Cayman Islands as of January 1, 2021.

7.3 Application of Sanctions Measures

- (a) EU and UK sanctions measures broadly apply to: (i) any company incorporated under the laws of the EU or the UK; (ii) any EU or UK national; and (iii) any business done in whole or in part within the EU or the UK.
- (b) EU and UK sanctions measures will therefore apply to:
 - (i) any EU and UK nationals employed by or otherwise engaged on behalf of the Group regardless of where they are located, in the EU, the UK or in any other country;
 - (ii) any business of the Group conducted within the EU or the UK;
 - (iii) any counterparty incorporated in the EU or the UK with whom the Group does business including for example, suppliers, customers, distributors, agents, manufacturers, shipping agents and freight forwarders;
 - (iv) any EU or UK incorporated financial institution that the Group or any of its companies uses to provide payment processing services, trade finance services, short or long term debt financing or any other service; and
 - (v) any entity incorporated in the EU or the UK, or national of these regions who subscribes for shares in the Group.
- (c) EU and UK sanctions will not apply to:
 - (i) Non-EU and non-UK nationals in their personal capacity, including the Company's Directors (to the extent that they are not carrying out business of the Group in the territory of the EU or the UK); and
 - (ii) any company subsidiary that is not incorporated under the laws of an EU Member State or the UK, which acts in a wholly independent manner from its parent company and which does not carry out any activities in the EU or the UK.

7.4 Restrictions under EU and UK Sanctions Measures

- (a) The restrictions applied under an EU or UK sanctions regime depend on the jurisdiction targeted by the regime. However, there are broadly four main offences:
 - (i) making any funds or economic resources (see below) directly or indirectly available to or for the benefit of a sanctioned person or entity (a **"Designated Person"**);
 - (ii) dealing with any funds or economic resources that are owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person;
 - (iii) exporting, selling, transferring or making certain controlled or restricted products¹ available (either directly or indirectly) to, or for use in, a jurisdiction subject to sanctions measures (a **"Prohibited Activity"**); and
 - (iv) participating knowingly and intentionally in activities the object or effect of which is to: (i) directly or indirectly circumvent the offences listed above; or, (ii) enable or facilitate the commission of the offences.

¹ An analysis of the parameters of what amounts to a controlled product is outside the scope of this advice memorandum. Hogan Lovells can provide further advice on this point as required.

- (b) The meaning of "economic resources" is defined widely to be "assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, which are not funds, but may be used to obtain funds, goods or services". Therefore, the Group's products would fall within the definition of "economic resources".
- (c) Under EU and UK sanctions measures, there is no "blanket" ban on doing business in or with a jurisdiction targeted by sanctions measures. While it is prohibited for a person or entity to whom EU or UK sanctions apply to make any product of the Group available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of a Designated Person, or to finance such activity, it is not generally prohibited (or otherwise restricted) for that person or entity to do business (involving non-controlled or restricted items) with a counterparty in a country subject to EU or UK sanctions that is not a Designated Person or engaged in non-Prohibited Activities.

7.5 **EU and UK sanctions: Dealing with Relevant Jurisdictions**

- (a) As noted above, under EU and UK sanctions legislation it is prohibited for any person or entity to whom EU and/or UK sanctions apply to:
 - (i) make any product of the Group directly or indirectly available to, or for the benefit of, a Designated Person; or
 - (ii) export, finance, or facilitate the transfer of any controlled or restricted products to a third country including a Relevant Jurisdiction.
- (b) **Application to Afghanistan**
 - (i) By virtue of Council Decision 2011/486/CFSP of August 1, 2011, as last amended by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2022/153 of February 3, 2022 and Council Regulation 753/2011 of August 1, 2011, as last amended by Council Regulation 2022/595 of April 11, 2022, the EU has imposed certain restrictive measures against certain listed persons, entities and groups that were designated as the Taliban prior to June 17, 2011, as well as persons, groups and entities associated with the Taliban. EU sanctions on Afghanistan implement UNSC resolutions imposing sanctions against the Taliban.
 - (ii) The EU sanctions include asset-freezing measures against listed persons and entities and the prohibition to make available to them, directly or indirectly, funds or economic resources. They also include a prohibition on the provision of technical assistance related to goods and technology listed in the EU Common Military List.
 - (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced, with substantially the same effect, EU sanctions on Afghanistan with the Afghanistan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. This regulation was extended to the UK Overseas Territories through the Afghanistan (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. These regulations put in place measures to ensure the UK meets its obligations under the UN sanctions regime targeting Afghanistan.
- (c) **Application to the Balkans**
 - (i) The Company's activities in the Balkans took place in Albania, Bosnia and Serbia. The EU maintains limited restrictive measures against certain Balkan countries, in particular Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.
 - (ii) EU sanctions on Bosnia and Herzegovina are set out in Council Decision 2011/173/CFSP of March 21, 2011, as last amended by Council Decision

(CFSP) 2022/450 of March 18, 2022. They set out asset-freezing measures, the prohibition to make available funds and economic resources to listed parties and travel bans against certain listed parties responsible for undermining the sovereignty, territorial integrity, constitutional order and international personality of, or threatening the security in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- (iii) EU sanctions on Serbia are set out in Council Decision 94/366/CFSP of June 13, 1994 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1733/94 of July 11, 1994. They impose a prohibition on satisfying claims made by persons in Serbia and Montenegro or persons acting on their behalf under or in connection with a contract or transaction the performance of which was affected directly or indirectly by the measures set out in UNSC resolution 757(1992) and related resolutions.
- (iv) The EU sanctions on Serbia have not been transposed into UK law after its withdrawal from the EU.
- (v) In the UK, EU sanctions on Bosnia & Herzegovina have been replaced by the Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 which came fully into force on 31 December 2020. These regulations have been extended to apply in and to the UK Overseas Territories, including Cayman Islands, through the Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. These regulations have replaced, with substantially the same effect, the relevant existing EU legislation.

(d) **Application to Belarus**

- (i) The EU has imposed restrictive measures on Belarus by Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP of October 15, 2012, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1601 of August 3, 2023 and by Council Regulation (EC) 765/2006 of May 18, 2006, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1594 of August 3, 2023.
- (ii) The EU restrictive measures include an arms embargo, a travel ban, a prohibition on the export of certain listed equipment that might be used for internal repression, on the provision of technical assistance related to goods listed in the EU Common Military List or to listed goods which might be used for internal repression, as well as asset-freezing measures against persons and entities responsible for serious violations of human rights or the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, as well as for the forced landing of a Ryanair flight in Minsk on May 23, 2021 endangering aviation safety and the detention of journalist Raman Pratasevich.
- (iii) In June 2021, the EU imposed comprehensive restrictions on the country, which do not apply to the activities of the Company during the Track Record Period because these activities occurred before June 2021. These restrictions were further expanded as of March 2022 following the involvement of Belarus in the illegal Russian military aggression against Ukraine and include:
 - (1) Prohibition to directly or indirectly sell, supply, transfer or export equipment, technology or software intended primarily for use in the monitoring or interception of the internet and of telephone communications by or on behalf of the Belarusian authorities. Listed items not used for these uses require an export licence before they are exported to any party in Belarus or for use in

Belarus. An export licence is required for the provision of technical assistance or brokering services related to listed equipment, software and technology or to the installation, provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of such listed items. An export licence is required for the provision of any telecommunication or internet monitoring or interception services of any kind to, or for the direct or indirect benefit of, the Belarusian Government, public bodies, corporations and agencies or any natural or legal person or entity acting on their behalf or at their direction.

- (2) Prohibition to directly or indirectly sell, supply, transfer or export firearms, their parts and essential components and ammunitions to any person in Belarus or for use in Belarus. The prohibition includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance or other services.
- (3) Prohibition to directly or indirectly sell, supply, transfer or export dual-use goods and technologies, or provide related technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance or other related services, to anyone in Belarus . This prohibition does not apply to the export of dual-use goods and technology or the provision of related technical or financial assistance for non-military use and a non-military end-user intended for: (a) humanitarian purposes, (b) medical or pharmaceutical purposes, (c) temporary use by news media, (d) software updates, (e) use as consumer communication devices, or (f) for personal use of natural persons traveling to Belarus. An export license can be requested for non-military end-use or a non-military end-user for exports intended for: (a) cooperation between the EU, governments of Member States and the government of Belarus in purely civilian matters, (b) intergovernmental cooperation in space programs, (c) the maintenance and safety of existing civil nuclear capabilities, (d) maritime safety, (e) civilian telecommunications networks, (f) exclusive use of entities owned or controlled by an EU entity or an entity from a partner country (at the time of writing, the EU has not identified any 'partner countries' for this purpose), (g) the diplomatic missions of the EU, Member States or partner countries in Belarus, or (h) ensuring cyber-security and information security. Member State authorities shall not grant an export license if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the end-user might be a military end-user (in particular military entities listed) or if the end-use might be military or if the goods or technology are intended for aviation or the space industry.
- (4) Prohibition to directly or indirectly sell, supply, transfer or export goods and technologies that might contribute to Belarus' military and technological enhancement, or provide related technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance or other related services, to anyone in Belarus . This prohibition does not apply to the export of goods and technology or the provision of related technical or financial assistance for non-military use and a non-military end-user intended for: (a) humanitarian purposes, (b) medical or pharmaceutical purposes, (c) temporary use by news media, (d) software updates, (e) use as consumer communication devices, or (f) for personal use of natural persons traveling to Belarus. An export license can be

requested for non-military end-use or a non-military end-user for exports intended for: (a) cooperation between the EU, governments of Member States and the government of Belarus in purely civilian matters, (b) intergovernmental cooperation in space programs, (c) the maintenance and safety of existing civil nuclear capabilities, (d) maritime safety, (e) civilian telecommunications networks, (f) exclusive use of entities owned or controlled by an EU entity or an entity from a partner country (at the time of writing, the EU has not identified any 'partner countries' for this purpose), (g) the diplomatic missions of the EU, or (h) ensuring cyber-security and information security, Member States or partner countries in Belarus. Member State authorities shall not grant an export license if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the end-user might be a military end-user (in particular military entities listed) or if the end-use might be military or if the goods or technology are intended for aviation or the space industry.

- (5) Restrictions on trade in potassium chloride ('potash') and tobacco products, as follows: It is prohibited to, directly or indirectly, sell, supply, transfer or export, or provide technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance, certain listed items used for the production or manufacturing of tobacco products to any person, entity or body in Belarus or for use in Belarus. Listed goods include filters, papers for cigarettes, flavours for tobacco and machinery for preparing or making up of tobacco. It is prohibited to, directly or indirectly, import, purchase or transfer, or provide technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance, certain listed products of potassium chloride and chemical or mineral fertilisers containing potassium from Belarus, regardless of their origin.
- (6) Restrictions on trade in mineral products, as follows: It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed mineral products originating in Belarus or exported from Belarus; (b) purchase mineral products located in or originating in Belarus; (c) transport mineral products originating in Belarus, or which are being exported from Belarus to any other country; or (d) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance, related to listed mineral products. An exception is made for purchases of listed mineral products which are required in order to meet the essential needs of the purchaser in Belarus or of humanitarian projects in Belarus.
- (7) Restrictions on trade of wood products, as follows. It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed wood products originating in Belarus or exported from Belarus; (b) purchase wood products located in Belarus; (c) transport wood products originating in Belarus or which are being exported from Belarus to any other country; (d) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance related to listed wood products.

- (8) Restrictions on trade of cement products, as follows. It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed cement products originating in Belarus or exported from Belarus; (b) purchase cement products located in Belarus; (c) transport cement products originating in Belarus or which are being exported from Belarus to any other country; (d) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance related to listed cement products.
- (9) Restrictions on trade of iron and steel products, as follows. It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed iron and steel products originating in Belarus or exported from Belarus; (b) purchase iron and steel products located in Belarus; (c) transport iron and steel products originating in Belarus or which are being exported from Belarus to any other country; (d) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance related to listed iron and steel products.
- (10) Restrictions on trade of rubber products, as follows. It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed rubber products originating in Belarus or exported from Belarus; (b) purchase rubber products located in Belarus; (c) transport rubber products originating in Belarus or which are being exported from Belarus to any other country; (d) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance related to listed rubber products.
- (11) Prohibition to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, goods and technology suited for use in aviation or the space industry to any person in Belarus or for use in Belarus. It is also prohibited to provide insurance or reinsurance, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, as well as overhaul, repair, inspection, replacement, modification or defect rectification of an aircraft or component.
- (12) It is prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export, or provide technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance, directly or indirectly, certain listed machinery to any person in Belarus or for use in Belarus, regardless of their origin. The prohibition does not apply to exports or services for non-military use and for a non-military end-user intended for: (a) humanitarian purposes, (b) medical or pharmaceutical purposes, (c) temporary use by news media, (d) software updates, (e) use as consumer communication devices, (f) ensuring cyber-security and information security, or (g) for personal use of natural persons traveling to Belarus.
- (13) It is prohibited to directly or indirectly purchase, sell, provide investment services for or assistance in the issuance of, or otherwise deal with transferable securities and money-market instruments with a maturity exceeding 90 days, issued after 29 June 2021 by the Belarussian government and Belarusian public

bodies and entities, or Belarusbank, Belinvestbank, Belagroprombank, Bank Dabrabyt and the Development Bank of Belarus (or any non-EU legal entity directly or indirectly owned by more than 50% by these five credit institutions or any legal entity acting on behalf of or at the direction of the above entities or bodies).

- (14) Transactions related to the management of reserves as well as of assets of the Central Bank of Belarus, including transactions with any legal person, entity or body acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, the Central Bank of Belarus, are prohibited. A license can be requested for transactions that are strictly necessary to ensure the financial stability of the EU as a whole or of a Member State.
- (15) Prohibition to list and provide services as of 12 April 2022 on trading venues registered or recognised in the EU for the transferable securities of any legal person, entity or body established in Belarus and with over 50 % public ownership.
- (16) It is also prohibited to directly or indirectly make or be part of any arrangements to provide new loans or credit with a maturity exceeding 90 days, after 29 June 2021 to the Republic of Belarus, its Government, its public bodies, corporations or agencies, or Belarusbank, Belinvestbank, Belagroprombank, Bank Dabrabyt and the Development Bank of Belarus (or any non-EU legal entity directly or indirectly owned by more than 50% by these five credit institutions or any legal entity acting on behalf of or at the direction of the above entities or bodies).
- (17) EU Member States may grant an authorisation for the purpose of providing support to the Belarussian population (humanitarian assistance, environmental projects, nuclear safety). There are exceptions concerning legitimate trade financing between the EU and third countries.
- (18) The European Investment Bank (EIB) is prohibited from making any disbursement or payment under any existing agreements in relation to projects in the public sector, and any existing Technical Assistance Service Contracts. Member states were also required to take actions to limit the involvement in Belarus of multilateral development banks of which they are members.
- (19) It is prohibited to provide insurance and re-insurance to the Belarussian government and Belarussian public bodies and entities. This prohibition does not apply to the provision of compulsory or third party liability insurance to Belarussian persons, entities or bodies where the risk insured is situated in the EU or to the provision of insurance for Belarussian diplomatic or consular missions in the EU.
- (20) It is prohibited to provide public financing or financial assistance for trade with, or investment in, Belarus. The prohibition does not apply to binding financing or financial assistance commitments established prior to 10 March 2022, public financing or financial assistance up to the total value of EUR 10,000,000 per project

benefiting small and medium-sized enterprises established in the EU, or public financing or financial assistance for trade in food, and for agricultural, medical or humanitarian purposes.

- (21) It is prohibited to accept deposits from Belarussian nationals or residents or legal entities established in Belarus exceeding EUR 100,000 per credit institution. An exemption applies for nationals of the EU, EEA or Switzerland. Member State authorities can authorize the acceptance of deposits if they are: (i) necessary to satisfy the basic needs of persons; (ii) exclusively intended for payment of reasonable professional fees or expenses incurred for legal services; (iii) extraordinary expenses; (iv) necessary for official purposes of diplomatic missions; (v) necessary for humanitarian purposes or for civil society activities.
 - (22) Prohibition for EU central securities depositories to provide any services related to transferable securities issued after 12 April 2022 to any Belarussian person. The prohibition does not apply to EU nationals or EU residents.
 - (23) Prohibition to sell EU-denominated transferable securities issued after 12 April 2022 or units in collective investment undertakings providing exposure to such securities, to any Belarussian person. The prohibition does not apply to EU nationals or EU residents.
 - (24) Prohibition to sell, supply, transfer or export banknotes denominated in any EU official currency to Belarus or to any Belarussian person. The prohibition does not apply to banknotes necessary for personal use of natural persons traveling to Belarus or for official purposes of diplomatic missions in Belarus.
 - (25) Prohibition to provide specialised financial messaging services which are used to exchange financial data, to certain listed financial institutions (or to any legal person established in Belarus owned for more than 50 % by those entities). The listed financial institutions are: Belagrombank, Bank Dabrabyt, Development Bank of Belarus and Belinvestbank.
 - (26) Prohibition for road transport undertakings established in Belarus to transport goods by road within the EU, including in transit. The prohibition does not apply to the universal mail service. Member States may authorize transportation that is necessary for: (a) the purchase, import, or transport into the EU of natural gas and oil, as well as titanium, aluminium, copper, nickel, palladium and iron ore; (b) the purchase, import or transport of pharmaceutical, medical, agricultural or food products; (c) humanitarian purposes; or (d) the functioning of diplomatic missions of the EU or Member States in Belarus.
- (iv) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU Belarus sanctions by the Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the “**UK Belarus Regulations**”), as amended. These regulations have been extended to apply to and in the UK Overseas Territories, including Cayman Islands, through the Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020 as amended by the Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2021. From March 2022, the UK imposed

additional restrictive sanctions on Belarus following Belarus' involvement in the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

- (v) The Regulations impose financial, trade, aircraft, shipping and immigration sanctions for the purposes of encouraging the Government of Belarus to:
 - (1) respect democratic principles and institutions and the separation of powers and the rule of law in Belarus
 - (2) refrain from actions, policies or activities which repress civil society in Belarus
 - (3) investigate properly and institute criminal proceedings against persons responsible for the disappearances of Yury Zakharenka, Viktor Hanchar, Anatol Krasouski and Dzmitry Zavadski
 - (4) comply with international human rights law and respect human rights
 - (5) cease actions destabilising Ukraine or undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, including by supporting or facilitating Russia's actions in respect of Ukraine
 - (6) refrain from any other action that undermines or threatens peace, security or stability in Europe
- (vi) The UK restrictive measures targeting Belarus include:
 - (1) The UK Belarus Regulations prohibit dealing with transferable securities or money-market instruments issued by certain entities and individuals connected with Belarus and the government of Belarus including those issued by: (i) a relevant person (as defined in regulation 15D(1) of the UK Belarus Regulations); (ii) a person connected with Belarus (this is defined in regulation 2(2) of the UK Belarus Regulations and is subject to the exclusions in regulation 15B(2C)(a)) and (iii) an entity majority owned by a person connected with Belarus. For the purposes of this restriction, a reference to "dealing with" a transferable security or money-market instrument includes a reference to purchasing or selling the security or instrument, providing investment services relating to the security or instrument, or assisting in the issuance of the security or instrument.
 - (2) The UK Belarus Regulations prohibit a person from directly or indirectly granting, or entering into an arrangement to grant: (i) a loan or credit with a maturity exceeding 90 days, granted after noon on 9 August 2021 and before 5 July 2022 to a "relevant person" (as defined in regulation 15D(1) of the UK Belarus Regulations) which is classed as a category A loan (ii) a loan or credit on or after 5 July 2022 to a "relevant person" (as set out above), which is classed as a category B loan or (iii) a loan or credit on or after 5 July 2022 with a maturity exceeding 30 days granted to a person connected with Belarus (this is defined in regulation 2(2) of the , and is

subject the exclusions in regulation 15B(5)), which is classed as a category C loan.

- (3) It is prohibited to provide insurance or reinsurance services to: (i) Belarus (ii) a Belarusian authority (iii) an entity wholly owned by Belarus or a Belarusian authority or (iv) anyone acting on their behalf or at their direction.
- (4) The UK Belarus Regulations prohibit a UK individual or entity from providing financial services for the purpose for foreign exchange reserve and asset management to: (i) the National Bank of Belarus (ii) the Ministry of Finance of Belarus (iii) a person owned or controlled directly or indirectly by any of the persons listed in point (i) or (ii); and (iv) a person acting on behalf of or at the direction of any of the persons listed above.
- (5) The UK Belarus Regulations impose a number of trade restrictions relating to:
 - (A) military goods and military technology (as specified in Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008);
 - (B) items falling within Chapter 93 (arms and ammunition; parts and accessories) of the Goods Classification Table, other than military goods;
 - (C) provision of technical assistance, armed personnel, financial services or funds, or associated brokering services where such provision enables or facilitates the conduct of certain military activities;
 - (D) dual-use goods and technology (as specified in Annex I to the UK Dual-Use Regulation);
 - (E) internal repression goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2 to the UK Belarus Regulations);
 - (F) interception and monitoring goods, services and technology (as specified in Schedule 2A to the UK Belarus Regulations, but excluding goods and technology specified in Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008, or Annex I to the UK Dual-Use Regulation);
 - (G) technical assistance relating to aircraft and ships;
 - (H) tobacco industry goods (as specified in Schedule 2B to the UK Belarus Regulations);
 - (I) potash (as specified in Schedule 2B to the UK Belarus Regulations);
 - (J) mineral products (as specified in Schedule 2B to the UK Belarus Regulations);
 - (K) iron and steel products (as specified in Schedule 2B to the UK Belarus Regulations);

- (L) critical industry goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2C of the UK Belarus Regulations which covers certain electronics; computers; telecommunications and information security; information security; sensors and lasers; navigation and avionics; marine; aerospace and propulsion goods);
 - (M) luxury goods provided that the sale price exceeds a set threshold (as specified in Schedule 2E of the Regulations);
 - (N) oil refining goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2F of the Regulations);
 - (O) quantum computing and advanced materials goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2G of the Regulations);
 - (P) chemical and biological weapons-related goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2H of the Regulations);
 - (Q) machinery-related goods and technology (as specified in Schedule 2I of the Regulations);
 - (R) banknotes (as specified in Regulation 20(3));
 - (S) cement (as specified in Schedule 2J of the Regulations);
 - (T) gold and gold jewellery (as specified in Schedule 2J of the Regulations);
 - (U) relevant processed gold (as specified in Regulation 20(3));
 - (V) rubber (as specified in Schedule 2J of the Regulations); and
 - (W) wood (as specified in Schedule 2J of the Regulations).
- (6) Please note that the export prohibitions covered in the UK Belarus Regulations cover exports to Belarus as well as exports that are for use in Belarus. Pursuant to regulation 21, the UK Belarus Regulations impose a prohibition on the export of banknotes, chemical and biological weapons-related goods; critical industry goods; military goods, dual-use goods, critical-industry goods, interception and monitoring goods, internal repression goods, luxury goods, machinery-related goods, oil refining goods, quantum computing and advanced material goods and tobacco industry goods to or for use in Belarus. In addition there are restrictions on the supply and delivery of the aforementioned goods to a place in Belarus, making available the aforementioned goods to a person connected with Belarus or for use in Belarus, or transferring technology related to the aforementioned goods to a place in Belarus or to a person connected with Belarus.
- (7) The UK Belarus Regulations contain an import prohibition pursuant to regulation 27I (arms and related material, cement, gold and gold jewellery which has been exported from Belarus on or after 9 June 2023), iron and steel products, mineral products, potash, relevant processed gold, rubber and wood) covers goods that are consigned

from Belarus and goods that originated in Belarus. In addition, there are related restrictions on the acquisition, supply and delivery of the aforementioned goods originated in or consigned from Belarus. Further there are restrictions on the provision of financial services, funds and brokering services for arrangements whose object or effect is the import, acquisition, supply or delivery of the aforementioned restricted products.

(e) Application to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

- (i) EU sanctions were first imposed on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then Zaire) in April 1993 in the form of an arms embargo in response to then-President Mobutu dissolving the government of Prime Minister Tshisekedi and violence in the country (Common Position 2002/829/CFSP).
- (ii) Since 2005, the EU measures have been brought in line with the UN sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo through Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP of December 20, 2010, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1568 of July 28, 2023, and Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 of 18 July 2005, as last amended through Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1565 of July 28, 2023.
- (iii) The sanctions include the following measures:
 - (1) an arms embargo preventing the direct or indirect supply, sale and transfer of arms and military equipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a prohibition on the provision of technical assistance, brokering, financing or financial assistance related to military goods;
 - (2) freezing of funds and economic resources of certain individuals and entities outlined in the Council Decision; and
 - (3) restriction on admission to the EU of certain individuals named therein.
- (iv) During part of the Track Record Period ending December 31, 2020, EU sanctions measures targeting the Democratic Republic of the Congo were extended to the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, pursuant to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2003 and, from July 8, 2015, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2015, as amended through the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2017.
- (v) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced, with substantially the same effect, the EU sanctions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, as . . . These regulations have been extended to apply to and in the UK through the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. The UK's sanctions regime targeting the Democratic Republic of the Congo aims to give effect to the UK's obligations to the UN and to promote:

- (1) the resolution of the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (2) respect for human rights;
- (3) compliance with international humanitarian law; and
- (4) respect for democracy, the rule of law and good governance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(f) **Application to Egypt**

- (i) On March 21, 2011, the EU introduced targeted sanctions, in the form of freezing of assets, against individual members of the former government and those close to them who are subject to legal measures by the Egyptian authorities.
- (ii) The sanctions were set out in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP of March 21, 2011, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/418 of March 19, 2020, and Council Regulation (EU) 270/2011, as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/416 of March 19, 2020.
- (iii) EU sanctions included the following restrictions:
 - (1) all funds belonging to persons alleged to be responsible for embezzlement of Egyptian public assets, and natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that are associated with them and that are placed on the EU's sanctions list are to be frozen; and
 - (2) no funds or financial resources are to be made available to these persons.
- (iv) On March 12, 2021, the EU revoked its sanctions framework against Egypt and de-listed the then nine persons subject to asset-freezing measures. Currently, the EU does not maintain any sanctions against Egypt, but the above restrictions were in place during the Track Record Period.
- (v) As of January 1, 2021, the UK adopted its own legislation, the Misappropriation (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, allowing it to sanction individuals accused of the misappropriation of state assets. At the time of writing, no Egyptian nationals are currently sanctioned under the Misappropriation (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. This regulation has been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories through the Misappropriation (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020.

(g) **Application to Hong Kong**

- (i) During the Track Record Period, the EU did not maintain any sanctions on Hong Kong.
- (ii) In June 2019, the UK restricted the sale of certain crowd control equipment to Hong Kong. Further, in July 2020, the UK extended the existing arms embargo with mainland China fully to Hong Kong in

response to China's introduction of the National Security Law. The items covered by the arms embargo covers the export of the following items from the UK to China (inclusive of Hong King):

- (1) lethal weapons, such as machine guns, large-calibre weapons, bombs, torpedoes, rockets and missiles;
- (2) specially designed components of the above and ammunition;
- (3) military aircraft and helicopters, vessels of war, armoured fighting vehicles and other weapons platforms;
- (4) any equipment which might be used for internal repression.

(h) **Application to Iraq**

- (i) The EU issued its own arms embargo on Iraq, following the UNSC 's resolutions condemning the invasion of Kuwait in 1990. On July 7, 2003, the EU adopted Common Position 2003/495/CFSP, which implements the UNSC resolution 1483 (2003). The sanctions that are currently still in force are:

- (1) the sale or supply to Iraq of arms and related material, other than those arms and related material required by the Government of Iraq or the multinational force as established by the restrictive measures in force against Iraq, remains prohibited;
- (2) all funds, financial assets or economic resources of the previous Government of Iraq or its State bodies, corporations or agencies located outside Iraq as of May 22, 2003, or that have been removed from Iraq, or acquired by Saddam Hussein or other senior officials of the former Iraqi regime and their immediate family members, including entities owned or controlled directly or indirectly by them or by persons acting on their behalf or at their direction, shall be frozen without delay; and
- (3) all appropriate steps will be taken to facilitate the safe return to Iraqi institutions of Iraqi cultural property and other items of archaeological, historical, cultural, rare scientific, and religious importance illegally removed from the Iraq National Museum, the National Library, and other locations in Iraq.

- (ii) On July 22, 2014, the EU amended the Common Position 2003/495/CFSP, most recently through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/338 of February 14, 2023, by expanding the scope on the freezing of funds, financial assets or economic resources such that no funds or economic resources shall be made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of the persons and entities referred to above. This decision is implemented through Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 as last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2185 of October 11, 2023.

- (iii) During part of the Track Record Period ending December 31, 2020, EU sanctions measures targeting Iraq were extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, pursuant to the Iraq

(Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2015/1383 which came into force on July 8, 2015.

- (iv) As of January 1, 2021, EU sanctions on Iraq have been replaced in the UK by the Iraq (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. These regulations have replaced, with substantially the same effect, relevant existing EU legislation. These measures have been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories, including Cayman Islands, through the Iraq (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020.

(i) **Application to Lebanon**

- (i) On September 15, 2006, the EU adopted Council Common Position 2006/625/CFSP and Council Regulation (EC) No 1412/2006 of September 25, 2006, as last amended through Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/595 of April 11, 2022, establishing an embargo on all arms transfers to Lebanon not authorized by the Government of Lebanon or the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon. The embargo mirrored a UN embargo established on August 11, 2006. As with the UN embargo, the EU prohibition covers the provision of any technical training or assistance related to the supply, manufacture, maintenance or use of arms and related equipment.
- (ii) The EU has also imposed asset-freezing measures against Designated Persons through Council Common Position 2005/888/CFSP of December 12, 2005 and Council Regulation (EC) No 305/2006 of February 21, 2006, as last amended through Council Regulation (EU) 2023/331 of February 14, 2023. More recently, the EU adopted additional targeted restrictive measures to address the deteriorating situation in Lebanon which provide for the possibility of asset-freezing measures against parties undermining democracy or the rule of law in Lebanon. These measures are set out in Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1277 of July 30, 2021, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1277 of July 30, 2023 and Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1275 of July 30, 2021, as last amended through Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/595 of April 11, 2022.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU sanctions on Lebanon with the Lebanon (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, as amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2020, and the Lebanon (Sanctions) (Assassination of Rafiq Hariri and others) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which came into effect on December 31, 2020, as amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2020. Under this regime, the sale or supply of arms and related material, and the provision of related services, is prohibited in Lebanon without the authorisation of the Government of Lebanon or the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). These regulations have been extended to apply to the British Overseas Territories by the Lebanon (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020 and the Lebanon (Sanctions) (Assassination of Rafiq Hariri and others) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. These regulations have replaced, with substantially the same effect, relevant existing EU legislation

(j) Application to Libya

- (i) On February 28, 2011, the EU adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2011/137 and Council Regulation No 204/2011 of March 2, 2011 imposing sanctions on Libya in line with UNSC resolution 1970, as well as additional autonomous sanctions. These measures included an arms embargo and asset-freezing measures on members of the government / armed forces.
- (ii) On July 31, 2015, in response to the conflict situation in Libya, as well as the measures introduced in UNSC resolution 2146, the EU adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 of July 31, 2015, last amended by through Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2023/2499 of November 9, 2023, which repealed Council Decision (CFSP) 2011/137, and expanded the scope of sanctions to include the export of crude oil and further asset-freezing measures. These measures were consolidated and implemented by Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/44 of January 18, 2016, as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2504 of November 9, 2023.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU sanctions on Libya with the Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. These regulations have replaced, with substantially the same effect, relevant existing EU legislation. These regulations have been extended to the UK Overseas Territories by The Libya (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2021.

(k) Application to Mali

- (i) On September 28, 2017, the EU adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775, which has last amended by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/2208 of December 13, 2021, and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1770 of September 28, 2017, last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2201 of December 13, 2021 in order to implement the existing sanctions measures imposed by the UN on Mali, which as during the Track Record Period, consist of asset freezes and travel bans for certain designated individuals.
- (ii) During part of the Track Record Period ending December 31, 2020, EU sanctions measures targeting Mali have been extended to apply in the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, pursuant to the Mali (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2017.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK has replaced EU sanctions on Mali with the Mali (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. These regulations have been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories, including Cayman Islands, through the Mali (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020.

(l) Application to Myanmar/Burma

- (i) The EU sanctions on Myanmar (Burma) are set out in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP of April 22, 2013, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/2422 of October 26, 2023, and Council Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 of May 2, 2013, as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2435 of October 26, 2023.
- (ii) The EU Myanmar sanctions restrict:

- (1) the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, equipment which might be used for internal repression, whether or not originating in the EU, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in, or for use in Myanmar/Burma;
 - (2) the provision of technical assistance related to military activities and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of arms and related materiel of any type, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in, or for use in Myanmar/Burma;
 - (3) the provision of technical assistance related to the equipment which might be used for internal repression, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity and/or body in, or for use in Myanmar/Burma;
 - (4) the provision of financing or financial assistance related to military activities, including, in particular, grants, loans and export credit insurance for any sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in, or for use in Myanmar/Burma;
 - (5) the export of dual-use goods for military and Border Guard Police end-users;
 - (6) the export of equipment for monitoring communications that might be used for internal repression; and
 - (7) Impose asset-freezing measures against certain natural persons from the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and the Border Guard Police.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU sanctions on Myanmar by the Burma (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 which came into effect on December 31, 2020, as amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) and (No. 4) Regulations 2020. On April 29, 2021, the Burma (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 have been replaced by the Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (the **"UK Myanmar Regulations"**). This regulation has been extended to the UK Overseas Territories by the Myanmar (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2021.
- (iv) The UK Myanmar Regulations impose financial, trade and immigration sanctions for the purposes of promoting peace, stability and security in Myanmar; promoting respect for democracy, the rule of law and good governance in Myanmar, including in particular promoting the successful completion of Myanmar's transition to a democratic country; discouraging actions, policies or activities which repress the civilian population in Myanmar; and promoting compliance with international human rights law and respect for human rights in Myanmar. The UK Myanmar Regulations impose asset freeze on designated persons and prohibitions on making funds or economic resources available. This involves the freezing of funds

and economic resources (non-monetary assets, such as property or vehicles) of designated persons and ensuring that funds and economic resources are not made available to or for the benefit of designated persons or entities, either directly or indirectly.

- (v) The restrictions in the UK Myanmar Regulations impose trade prohibitions relating to:
 - (A) military goods and military technology (as specified in Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008);
 - (B) dual-use goods and technology (as specified in Annex 1 to the UK Dual-Use Regulation);
 - (C) goods and technology which might be used for internal repression in Myanmar (as specified in Schedule 2 to the UK Myanmar Regulations);
 - (D) goods and technology which might be used for the monitoring and interception of telecommunications (as specified in Schedule 3 to the UK Myanmar Regulations);
 - (E) provision of interception and monitoring services to or for the benefit of the Government of Myanmar; and
 - (F) provision of technical assistance, armed personnel, financial services or funds or associated brokering services to or for the benefit of the Tatmadaw (or persons acting on its behalf or under its direction) where such provision relates to the military activities of the recipient, or otherwise enables or facilitates the conduct of armed hostilities, in Myanmar.
- (vi) The UK Myanmar Regulations prohibits the export to Myanmar of dual-use goods for military use, the export of dual-use goods for military use in Myanmar and the export of dual-use goods to, or for use by, the Myanmar security forces. In addition, regulation 31 prohibits a person from directly or indirectly supplying or delivering dual-use goods for military use from a third country to a place in Myanmar and supplying or delivering dual-use goods from a third country to, or for use by, the Myanmar security forces.
- (vii) The UK Myanmar Regulations also prohibit making available certain goods and technology. Regulation 32 of the UK Myanmar Regulations prohibits a person from directly or indirectly making available dual-use goods for military use or dual-use technology for military use to a person connected with Myanmar or for military use in Myanmar, and also prohibits the direct or indirect making available of dual-use goods to or for use by the Myanmar security forces. In addition, the transfer of dual-use technology for military use to a place in Myanmar, to a person connected with Myanmar and the transfer of dual-use technology to the Myanmar security forces is also prohibited.
- (viii) The UK Myanmar Regulations also prohibit the direct or indirect provision of technical assistance relating to restricted goods or technology to a person connected with Myanmar or for use in Myanmar.
- (ix) The UK Myanmar Regulations also prohibit the direct or indirect provision of financial services or funds in pursuance of or in connection with specific

arrangements as set out in regulation 27 or regulation 35. The UK Myanmar Regulations prohibit the direct or indirect provision of brokering services where they relate to specific arrangements as set out in regulation 28 and 36.

- (x) The UK Myanmar Regulations allow for certain exemptions to the prohibitions. For example, UK Myanmar Regulations include an exception in relation to any prohibition for actions which a responsible officer has determined to be in the interests of national security, or the prevention or detection of serious crime in the UK or elsewhere.
- (m) **Application to Russia (excluding Crimea, and DPR/LPR, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia)**
 - (i) The existing framework for EU Sanctions targeting Russia and certain Russian Persons, in view of the current situation in Ukraine, is implemented through Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of July 31, 2014, as last amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/3187 of December 16, 2024, and Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of July 31, 2014, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2024/3192 of December 16, 2024 ("**EU Russia Sectoral Sanctions**"). These restrictions include:
 - (1) Prohibition on the sale, supply, export or transfer of dual-use goods and technology to Russia or for use in Russia and the provision of related technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance (with certain exemptions and licences);
 - (2) Prohibition on the sale, supply, export or transfer of certain listed items that might contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement or the development of the defence and security sectors, including mass-market encryption products not intended for personal use of individuals ("**Targeted Goods**") to Russian parties or for use in Russia, and the provision of related technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance (with certain exemptions and licences; licenses with regard to certain listed entities will be rejected);
 - (3) Prohibition to provide technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, financing or financial assistance related to military goods to any Russian person or for use in Russia (with certain exemptions and licenses);
 - (4) Prohibition to sell, supply, transfer or export to Russia, civilian firearms and their parts and essential components and ammunition. The prohibition includes the provision of technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, or other services related to these goods;

- (5) Prohibition on the transit of dual-use items, Targeted Goods, aviation and space-related products, jet fuel and additives, certain industrial goods and firearms, their parts and essential components and ammunition via the territory of Russia (with certain exemptions and licenses);
- (6) Prohibition on the sale, supply, export or transfer of certain listed items suited for oil exploration and production, as well as the provision of technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance or other services (with certain exemptions and licenses);
- (7) Prohibition on the sale, supply, export or transfer of certain listed goods and technology suited for oil refining and the liquefaction of natural gas to any person in Russia or for use in Russia and the provision of related technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, is prohibited (with certain exemptions and licenses);
- (8) Prohibition on the sale, supply, export or transfer of certain listed goods and technology suited for use in aviation or the space industry, and jet fuel and fuel additives, to any person in Russia or for use in Russia. The prohibition extends to the provision of related technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, insurance and re-insurance and the following activities: overhaul, repair, inspection, replacement, modification or defect rectification of an aircraft or component, with the exception of pre-flight inspection (with certain exemptions and licenses);
- (9) Prohibited to provide public financing or financial assistance for trade with or investment in Russia is prohibited after 26 February 2022, except for assistance up to EUR 10,000,000 to small- and medium-sized enterprises established in the EU, as well as for trade in food and for agricultural, medical or humanitarian purposes;
- (10) Prohibited to make any new investments or expand existing investments in, or to provide investments services to, entities active in the Russian energy, mining and quarrying sector. Member States may authorize investments that are necessary for ensuring critical supply of energy in the EU or that exclusively concern EU-owned or controlled entities established in Russia. "Mining and quarrying sector" means a sector covering the location, extraction, management and processing activities relating to non-energy producing materials;
- (11) Prohibited to invest, participate or contribute to projects co-financed by the Russian Direct Investment Fund;

- (12) Capital market restrictions, which include:
- (A) Prohibition on the purchase, sale, provision of investment services for or assistance in the issuance of, or otherwise dealing with transferable securities and money market instruments with a maturity exceeding 90 days issued after August 1, 2014 to September 12, 2014, or with a maturity exceeding 30 days issued after September 12, 2014 to April 12, 2022, or any transferable securities and money market instruments issued after April 12, 2022 by certain Russian banks and entities; and
 - (B) Prohibition to make or be part of any arrangement to make new loans or credit with a maturity exceeding 30 days after September 12, 2014 to February 26, 2022, or any new loan or credit after February 26, 2022 to certain Russian banks and entities.
 - (C) Prohibition on the purchase, sale, provision of investment services for or assistance in the issuance of, or otherwise dealing with transferable securities and money market instruments issued after March 9, 2022 by Russia and its Government, the Central Bank of Russia or entities acting on behalf or at the direction of the Central Bank of Russia;
 - (D) Prohibition to make or be part of any arrangement to make new loans or credit after February 23, 2022 to Russia and its Government, the Central Bank of Russia or entities acting on behalf or at the direction of the Central Bank of Russia;
 - (E) Prohibition on the listing and provision of services as of April 12, 2022 on trading venues registered or recognised in the Union for the transferable securities of any entity established in Russia with over 50% public ownership;
 - (F) Prohibited to accept any deposits from Russian nationals or residents in Russia, or entities established in Russia, if the total value of deposits of the natural or legal person, entity or body per credit institution exceeds 100,000 EUR;
 - (G) Prohibition on Union central securities depositories to provide any financial services for transferable securities issued after April 12, 2022 to any Russian national or resident in Russia or entity established in Russia;
 - (H) Prohibition on transactions related to the management of reserves and assets of the Central Bank of Russia, including with entities

acting on behalf or at the direction of the Central Bank of Russia. EU persons must also report assets and reserves of the Central Bank of Russia which they hold, control or are counterparty to;

- (I) Prohibition to sell transferable securities denominated in any official currency of an EU Member State issued after April 12, 2022 or denominated in any other currency issued after August 6, 2023, or units in collective investment undertakings providing exposure to such securities, to any Russian national or resident in Russia or any entity established in Russia;
 - (J) Prohibition to sell banknotes denominated in any official currency of an EU Member State to Russia or to any party in Russia, including the government and the Central Bank of Russia, or for use in Russia;
 - (K) Prohibition to provide crypto-asset wallet, account or custody services to Russian nationals or residents or Russian entities. Licenses are available;
 - (L) Prohibition to provide credit rating services (including access to any subscription services in this regard) to or on any Russian national or resident or any Russian entity. The prohibition does not apply to EU nationals or residents;
 - (M) Prohibition to provide specialized financial messaging services which are used to exchange financial data (i.e., SWIFT) to certain listed Russian financial institutions and entities owned for more than 50% by those listed institutions;
 - (N) Prohibition to (i) directly connect to the System for Transfer of Financial Messages ("**SPFS**") of the Central Bank of Russia or equivalent specialised financial messaging services set up by the Central Bank of Russia; and (ii) engage with entities listed in Annex XLIV, which will include non-EU entities using SPFS or equivalent specialised financial messaging services;
 - (O) Ban on Russian entities, as well as entities they own for more than 50%, from any EU, Euratom or Member State financing program;
- (13) Prohibition on operators to broadcast or enable, facilitate or otherwise contribute to broadcast any content by certain listed Russian media. It is also prohibited to advertise products or services in any content produced or broadcast by these listed Russian media;

- (14) Prohibition on Russian air carriers, Russian-registered aircraft and any aircraft owned or chartered or otherwise controlled by any Russian party to land in, take off from or overfly the territory of the EU. The prohibition does not apply to an emergency landing or an emergency overflight. Authorisations are available for flights required for humanitarian purposes;
- (15) No access to ports and locks in the EU for any vessel registered under the flag of Russia or certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, or a vessels that have changed their Russian flag or their registration, to the flag or register of any other State after 24 February 2022, with the exception for the purpose of leaving the territory of the EU (with certain additional exemptions and licenses);
- (16) No access to ports and locks in the EU for any vessel engaged in ship-to-ship transfer of Russian crude oil or petroleum products at any point of the voyage to EU ports or locks, contrary to the import ban or transport restriction for products purchased above the oil price cap;
- (17) No access to ports and locks in the EU for any vessel illegally interfering with, switching off or otherwise disabling their shipborne AIS when transporting Russian crude oil or petroleum products subject to an import ban or transport restriction for products purchased above the oil price cap;
- (18) No access to ports and locks in the EU for any vessel illegally interfering with, switching off or otherwise disabling their shipborne AIS when transporting Russian crude oil or petroleum products subject to an import ban or transport restriction for products purchased above the oil price cap;
- (19) Prohibition on the sale, supply, transfer or export of, and provision of technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services in relation to, certain listed maritime navigation goods and technology to Russian persons or for use in Russia, or for placing on board of a Russian-flagged vessel (with exemption and license possibility);
- (20) Restrictions on trade of iron and steel products, as follows. It is prohibited to (a) import certain listed iron and steel products originating in Russia or exported from Russia; (b) purchase iron and steel products located in Russia; (c) transport iron and steel products originating in Russia or which are being exported from Russia to any other country; (d) import iron and stepp products processed in a third country and incorporating Russian-origin iron and stell products; and (e) provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services,

financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and re-insurance related to listed iron and steel products;

- (21) Prohibition on the import of certain listed goods which generate significant revenues for Russia originating in Russia or exported from Russia. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services. There is an import quota for potassium chloride imports;
- (22) Prohibition to import certain listed coal and other solid fossil fuels originating in Russia or exported from Russia. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services;
- (23) Prohibition to purchase, import or transfer, directly or indirectly, diamonds and products incorporating diamonds originating in Russia or exported from Russia. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services;
- (24) Prohibition on the sale, supply, transfer, export, directly or indirectly, of certain listed luxury goods to any person in Russia or for use in Russia and the provision of related technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, insofar these goods exceed the value of EUR 300 per item unless otherwise specified (with certain exemptions and licenses);
- (25) Prohibition on the sale, supply, transfer, export, directly or indirectly, of certain listed goods which could contribute to the enhancement of Russian industrial capacities to any person in Russia or for use in Russia. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, intellectual property rights, trade secrets, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services. There are certain exemptions and licenses;
- (26) It is prohibited for any Russian road transport undertaking, EU entities owned for 25% or more by Russian entities and individuals, and trailers and semi-trailers registered in Russia to transport goods within the territory of the EU, including in transit. The prohibition does not apply to the universal mail service and to goods in transit between the EU and Kaliningrad. Member State authorities may authorize certain transportation in the EU;
- (27) Prohibition on the import, directly or indirectly, of crude oil or petroleum products originating in Russia or exported from Russia. There are exemptions for: (a) one-off transactions within a certain winddown period; (b)

seaborne crude oil or petroleum products originating in a third country that are departing from or transiting through Russia; (c) pipeline crude oil to landlocked Member States. There are also certain exemptions and licenses for specific Member States;

- (28) Prohibition to provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services or financing or financial assistance, related to the transport, including through ship-to-ship transfers, to third countries of crude oil or petroleum products originating in Russia or exported from Russia. Subject to a winddown period, it will be prohibited to transport to third countries crude oil and petroleum products. Prohibition does not apply as of 5 December 2022 for crude oil and as of 5 February 2023 for petroleum products provided that the purchase price per barrel of such products does not exceed the price cap agreed by the Price Cap Coalition;
- (29) Prohibition to sell tankers for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products falling under CN ex 8901 20 to Russian persons or for use in Russia without a license;
- (30) Prohibition to provide reloading services and related technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance in the EU for the purposes of transshipment operations of liquified natural gas (LNG) falling under CN 2711 11 00, originating in Russia or exported from Russia;
- (31) Prohibition to sell, supply, transfer, or export, directly or indirectly, goods and technology and to provide, directly or indirectly, services to any person in Russia when such goods, technology and services are for the completion of LNG projects, such as terminals and plants. It is also prohibited to provide related technical assistance, brokering services, financing, and financial assistance;
- (32) Prohibition to import certain listed gold items originating in Russia or exported from Russia to the EU or any third country after 22 July 2022. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services. There are certain exceptions and authorisations;
- (33) Transaction ban with regard to certain listed state-owned entities (including Rosneft and Gazprom Neft), their non-EU 50%+ subsidiaries and any entity acting on their behalf or direction. Certain exemptions are available;
- (34) Transaction ban on entities listed in Annex XLIII, which will include Russian entities that have lodged a claim before a Russian court against EU entities and individuals in connection with any contract or transaction the performance of which has been affected by EU sanctions;

- (35) Transaction on entities listed in Annex XLV, which will include non-EU financial and crypto entities facilitating transactions that support Russia's defence-industrial base through the export, supply, sale, transfer or transport towards Russia of dual-use goods and technology, sensitive goods and technology, common high priority items or firearms and ammunition;
- (36) Prohibition to hold any posts in the governing bodies of state-owned entities as of January 16, 2023. Certain licenses are available;
- (37) Prohibition on Russian nationals or residents to own or control, or hold any posts on the governing bodies of entities providing crypto-asset wallet, account or custody services;
- (38) Prohibition to award or continue the execution of any public or concession contract with: (i) Russian nationals, residents or entities established in Russia, (ii) entities owned for more than 50% by a Russian national, resident or entity established in Russia, (iii) or persons acting on behalf of those referred to in (i) and (ii). Licenses are available;
- (39) Prohibition to provide direct or indirect support under an EU, Euratom or Member State national programme to any Russian entity with more than 50% public ownership. Exemptions are available;
- (40) Prohibition to register, provide a registered office, business or administrative address as well as management services to a trust having a trustor or beneficiary: (i) Russian nationals or residents; (ii) Russian entities; (iii) entities owned for more than 50% by Russian nationals, residents or entities; (iv) entities controlled by any of the above; (v) entities acting on behalf or at the direction of any of the above. It is also prohibited to act as or arrange for another person to act as a trustee, nominal shareholder, director, secretary or similar position for a trust as described above. Certain exemptions and licenses are available; and
- (41) Prohibition to provide professional services (accounting, auditing, including statutory audit, bookkeeping or tax consulting services, or business and management consulting or public relations services, architecture, engineering, IT consultancy or legal advisory services, market research and public opinion polling services, technical testing and analysis services and advertising services) and professional software (software for the management of enterprise and software for industrial design and manufacture) to the government of Russia or Russian entities. The prohibition also includes the provision of technical assistance, brokering services, financing, financial assistance, or other services. Certain

authorization grounds for EU, EEA, Swiss owned entities and entities owned by partner countries which at the time of writing are: UK, US, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Norway) for divestment or winddown of business in Russia are available.

- (42) As of 27 March 2023, prohibition to have Russian nationals hold any posts in governing bodies of owners/operators of critical infrastructures and entities;
 - (43) Prohibition to provide storage capacity in an underground storage facility, except for the part of liquefied natural gas facilities used for storage, to Russian persons, entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, for more than 50% by Russian persons or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction; and
 - (44) Prohibition on EU and Member State intellectual property offices to accept new applications for registration of trademarks, patents, industrial designs, utility models, protected designations of origin, and geographical indications filed by Russian nationals, residents and entities.
- (ii) The existing framework for EU Sanctions targeting Russia (asset freezing measures), in view of the current situation in Ukraine, is implemented by Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of March, 17 2014, as last amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/3182 of December 16, 2024 and Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of March 17, 2014, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2024/3189 of December 16, 2024 ("**EU Russia Asset Freezing Measures**"). These restrictions include:
 - (1) Freezing of all funds or economic resources belonging to, owned, held or controlled, by a person or entity listed in Annex I or by a person or entity owned for more than 50% or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a person or entity listed in Annex I;
 - (2) Prohibition to make available funds or economic resources, directly or indirectly, to a person or entity listed in Annex I, or to a person or entity owned for more than 50% or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a person or entity listed in Annex I.
- At present, in total, 1,829 persons and 496 entities are currently subject to asset freezing measures under the EU sanctions regime against Russia, including seven Chinese persons and entities, namely one individual and two entities facilitating the circumvention of EU sanctions, and four entities supplying sensitive drone components and microelectronic component to the Russian military industry.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU Russia sanctions, by the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which came into effect on December 31, 2020, as amended (together, the "**UK Russia Regulations**"). The regulations have been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories by the Russia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020, as amended.

- (iv) Since 2021, the UK has published new regulations which introduce new financial, trade and shipping sanctions against Russia (the principle sanctions are summarised below):
- (1) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 introduce the following restrictions:
 - (A) Prohibition on dealing with securities or money-market instruments issued by, or providing loans/credit to a person connected with Russia (including Russian incorporated entities and residents) or the Russian Government. The aforementioned prohibitions also apply to all entities listed in Schedule 2, including their UK subsidiaries.
 - (B) Prohibition on UK credit or financial institutions from establishing or continuing a correspondent banking relationship and from processing sterling payments to, from or via, a "designated person" or a credit or financial institution owned or controlled by them.
 - (2) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 prohibit the following:
 - (A) the export, supply, delivery and making available of dual-use goods and critical-industry goods;
 - (B) the making available and transfer of dual-use technology and critical-industry technology; and
 - (C) the provision of technical assistance, financial services, funds and brokering services, in relation to dual-use goods and technology and critical-industry goods and technology.
 - (D) Critical industry goods and technology include certain listed electronics, computers, telecommunications equipment, information security, sensors and lasers, navigation and avionics, marine and aerospace and propulsion (in each case with related software and technology also subject to controls).
 - (3) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2022 prohibit Russian ships, and other ships to be specified by the Secretary of State, from entering UK ports. The registration of ships on the UK Ship Register is also prohibited where they are owned, controlled, chartered or operated by a designated person or persons connected with Russia, or where they are a specified ship.
 - (4) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2022 prohibit a UK individual or entity from providing financial services for the purpose of foreign

exchange reserve and asset management to the Central Bank of the Russian Federation; the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation; the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; a person owned or controlled directly or indirectly by any of the persons above; or a person acting on behalf of or at the direction of any of the persons above.

- (5) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2022 prohibit Russian aircraft from overflying or landing in the United Kingdom. The Regulations also confer powers on the Secretary of State, air traffic control and airport operators to issue directions for the purpose of preventing Russian aircraft from entering the airspace over the United Kingdom or from landing in the United Kingdom, or requiring aircraft to leave the airspace over the United Kingdom. The Regulations also confer powers on the CAA to refuse, suspend or revoke permissions in respect of Russian aircraft. The registration of aircraft on the register kept by the CAA is prohibited where they are owned, operated or chartered by demise by a designated person. The Regulations also amend the trade measures in the 2019 Regulations to add new categories of aviation and space goods and technology, based on items falling within chapter 88 of the Tariff of the United Kingdom.
- (6) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2022:
 - (A) extend the existing finance, shipping and trade sanctions relating to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol ("Crimea") to the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk oblast and Luhansk oblast of Ukraine;
 - (B) extend the relevant exceptions and licensing provisions to the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts;
 - (C) prohibit the provision to, or for the benefit of, a designated person of technical assistance relating to aircraft and ships. This includes a power to designate persons for the purposes of that sanctions measure; and
 - (D) amend regulation 19 (circumventing etc. prohibitions) of the 2019 Regulations to include within the scope of those prohibitions regulation 18A (provision of financial services relating to foreign exchange reserve and asset management).
- (7) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2022 introduced new restrictions in relation to trade in:
 - (A) oil refining goods and technology,

- (B) quantum computing and advanced materials goods and technology;
 - (C) luxury goods, and
 - (D) iron and steel goods.
- (8) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2022 introduced a requirement on providers of social media services, internet access services (i.e. internet service providers) and application stores to take reasonable steps to prevent their users in the United Kingdom from encountering or accessing online content generated by designated persons. Further, additional powers were conferred on OFCOM for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the new requirement and for imposing monetary penalties for failure to comply with the new requirement.
- (9) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2022 introduced additional restrictions in relation to trade in:
- (A) maritime goods and maritime technology;
 - (B) military goods and technology with non-government controlled Ukrainian territory;
 - (C) defence and security goods and technology;
 - (D) interception and monitoring services;
 - (E) banknotes;
 - (F) jet fuel and fuel additives; and
 - (G) goods which generate significant revenues for Russia.
- (10) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2022 introduced the Investment Prohibition.
- (11) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 13) Regulations 2022 specified additional activities for which a person may be designated under the UK Russia Regulations. Further, the amending regulation introduced a new exception from trade sanctions measures for humanitarian assistance activity in non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.
- (12) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulations 2022 introduced additional restrictions in relation to trade in:
- (A) professional and business services;
 - (B) miscellaneous essential goods required for the functioning of the Russian economy;

- (C) oil and oil products means;
 - (D) gold; and
 - (E) coal and coal products.
- (13) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 15) Regulations 2022 introduced trade prohibitions relating to gold jewellery and to certain processed gold and a prohibition on the import of liquified natural gas which is consigned from or originates from Russia.
- (14) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 16) Regulations 2022 introduced a prohibition on direct or indirect supply or delivery by ship of certain oil and oil products which originate in or are consigned from Russia (i) from a place in Russia to a third country; or (ii) from one third country to another third country.
- (15) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2022 introduced a prohibition on providing trust services to a designated person or for the benefit of a person connected with Russia. The regulations also introduce a number of additional professional and business services restrictions. In addition to accounting, business management and consulting and PR services, it is prohibited to provide advertising services, architectural services, auditing services, engineering services and IT consultancy and design services.
- (16) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 introduced a prohibition on the import of iron and steel products containing iron or steel originating in Russia that have been processed in a third country. In addition, the amending regulations introduced an additional schedule listing goods (revenue generating goods) subject to an import ban.
- (17) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 introduced a new definition of non-government controlled Ukrainian territory which includes also the additional territory of non-government controlled areas of the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts of Ukraine in addition to the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The effect of the expanded definition means that existing finance, shipping and trade sanctions relating to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol ("Crimea") and non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, and relevant exceptions now apply to non-government controlled areas of the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.
- (18) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 introduced a prohibition on the provision of legal advisory services to non-UK persons in relation to activity that would contravene UK Russia sanctions.

- (19) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 introduced prohibitions on the export, supply and delivery, and making available to, or for use in, Russia, of certain critical industry goods, luxury goods and G7 dependence and further goods.
 - (20) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023 introduced prohibitions on the import, acquisition, supply or delivery of diamonds and diamond jewellery which are located or originate in, or are consigned from, Russia. The regulations also prohibit the provision of ancillary services regarding such transactions and go on to create certain exceptions to those prohibitions.
 - (21) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 introduced a prohibition on the import of Russian diamonds processed in third countries as well as the provision of technical assistance, brokering and financial services in connection with the import of third country processed Russian diamonds.
 - (22) The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2024 revoked and replaced the Russia Sanctions (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and introduced new designation criteria to specify additional activities for which a person may be designated, and made amendments to the ship specification criteria to specify additional activities for which a ship may be specified.
- (v) Under the UK Russia Regulations, it is prohibited to export restricted products to or for use in Russia, which include but are not limited to:
- (1) military goods and technology to non-government controlled Ukrainian territory;
 - (2) energy-related goods;
 - (3) luxury goods;
 - (4) sterling or European Union denominated banknotes;
 - (5) jet fuel and fuel additives;
 - (6) Infrastructure-related goods to and for use in non-government controlled Ukrainian territory;
 - (7) G7 depending goods; and
 - (8) Russia's vulnerable goods,
- (vi) Pursuant to the UK Russia Regulations, it is prohibited to import restricted goods that are consigned or originate from Russia, which include but are limited to:
- (1) arms and related material;

- (2) goods which originate in non-government controlled Ukrainian territory;
 - (3) gold, gold jewellery and processed gold;
 - (4) diamonds and diamond jewellery;
 - (5) iron and steel products;
 - (6) revenue generating goods;
 - (7) oil and oil products;
 - (8) coal and coal products; and
 - (9) liquified natural gas.
- (vii) The UK Russia Regulations prohibit the supply or delivery of goods subject to an export ban. The UK Russia Regulations prohibit the making available of certain goods or technology for use in Russia or to a person connected with Russia. Some prohibitions also prohibit acquiring certain goods or technology which originate in Russia, are located in Russia or from a person connected with Russia. Pursuant to the UK Russia Regulations sanctions regulations it is prohibited to transfer certain technology to a place in Russia or a person connected with Russia. The transfer of restricted technology is also prohibited from a place in Russia to persons or places outside the UK.
- (viii) Pursuant to the UK Russia Regulations technical support is prohibited in relation to certain specified goods or technology.
 - (1) Prohibition to provide technical support relating to the repair, development, production, assembly, testing, use or maintenance of the goods or technology, or any other technical service relating to the goods or technology.
 - (2) The prohibition applies to technical assistance to persons connected with Russia or for use in Russia.
 - (3) The provision of technical assistance to in connection with specific arrangements, as specified in the UK Russia Regulations, is prohibited.
- (ix) Pursuant to the UK Russia Regulations the provision of financial services and funds related to certain goods and technology is prohibited.
 - (1) The prohibitions in the Regulations apply to the direct and indirect provision of financial services and making available of funds to persons connected with Russia.
 - (2) The prohibitions also prohibit the direct or indirect provision of financial services or funds in pursuance of or in connection with specific arrangements involving restricted goods.
- (x) The position of UK persons with respect to the Investment Prohibition was introduced by the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2022 and is set out in regulation 18B of the UK Russia

Regulations. Under these regulations UK persons acquiring shares in the Company are deemed to indirectly acquire an interest in the Russian Subsidiary, itself a person connected with Russia.

For this to be prohibited under regulation 18B of the UK Russia Regulations, the purpose of the investment must be to make funds or economic resources available *"directly or indirectly to a person connected with Russia"* or *"for the benefit of a person connected with Russia"*. UK Government guidance² (which is non-binding) states that such purpose may be determined *"where this is explicitly stated to be the purpose of the transaction. For example, if the intention to make funds available to a person connected with Russia was stated as the purpose of a share issue in the prospectus for that share issue"*. We know of no such explicit statement included in the Global Offering prospectus or otherwise published by the Group. We further note that the Company has stated that it has implemented or will implement procedures to ensure that none of the funds raised in the listing will be used, directly or indirectly, in the Group's activities in Russia. This actively demonstrates that the purpose of the Global Offering itself is not to benefit persons connected with Russia, and any acquisition of shares in the Company could not be said to be for the purpose of making funds available to or for the benefit of persons connected with Russia. Therefore, in our view UK persons may purchase securities issued by the Group as part of the Global Offering, subject to any contrary statement in the Company's Global Offering prospectus or elsewhere which does suggest that a purpose for the transaction is to in some other way make funds or economic resources available to or for the benefit of persons connected with Russia.

- (xi) It is prohibited to directly or indirectly provide brokering services where they relate to specific prohibited arrangements as specified in the UK Russia Regulations.

(n) Application to Somalia

- (i) EU sanctions measures targeting Somalia are imposed pursuant to Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP of April 26, 2010, as last amended through Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2023/1148 of June 12, 2023; and Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 of April 26, 2010, as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1147 of June 12, 2023.
- (ii) EU sanctions on Somalia provide for an export ban on arms, asset-freezing measures against certain listed parties and the prohibition to make available funds or economic resources to or for their benefit, a travel ban, an import, purchase, transport prohibition on certain listed charcoal products originating in Somalia or exported therefrom and a licensing requirement for the export or supply of certain listed explosive devices to Somalia.
- (iii) During part of the Track Record Period ending December 2021, EU sanctions on Somalia were extended to the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, pursuant to the Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2012, amended by the Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2013 and the Burma and Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2018.

² FAQ 11, UK Financial Sanctions FAQs, Updated 5 December 2024.

- (iv) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced, with substantially the same effect, EU sanctions on Somalia by the Somalia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which came into effect on December 31, 2020, as amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 and the Somalia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. These regulations have been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, through the Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020.

(o) **Application to Tunisia**

- (i) The existing framework for EU Sanctions targeting Tunisia is implemented pursuant to Council Regulation (EU) 101/2011 of February 5, 2011, as last amended through Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/156 of January 23, 2023; and Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP of January 31, 2011, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/159 of January 23, 2023.
- (ii) The EU Tunisia sanctions include asset-freezing measures against certain listed persons and entities. Asset-freezing measures also entail a prohibition to make available of funds or economic resources to the listed persons.
- (iii) As of January 1, 2021, the UK adopted its own legislation, the Misappropriation (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, allowing it to sanction individuals accusing of the misappropriation of state assets. At the time of writing, no Tunisian nationals are current sanctioned under the Misappropriation (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

(p) **Application to Turkey**

- (i) Turkey is not subject to comprehensive sanctions imposed by the EU. The sanctions framework for Turkey-related measures was adopted on November 11, 2019, through Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1890, as last amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/2507 of November 9, 2023; and Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894, as last amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/2488 of November 9, 2023. EU sanctions on Turkey are limited to asset freezing measures and travel ban on parties in Turkey.
- (ii) At present, there are only individuals at executive positions at the Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO) who are subject to asset freezing measures pursuant to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/274 of February 27, 2020.
- (iii) As of 1 January 2021, the UK adopted the Unauthorised Drilling Activities in the Eastern Mediterranean (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. These regulations put in place sanctions measures to discourage any hydrocarbon exploration, production or extraction activity which has not been authorised by the Republic of Cyprus. This includes activity in its territorial sea, or in its exclusive economic zone or on its continental shelf. At the time of writing, there are no designated individuals under this regulation. This regulation has been extended to the UK Overseas Territories through the Unauthorised Drilling Activities in the Eastern Mediterranean (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. This regime replaces the EU's Turkey sanctions regime

(q) **Application to Ukraine (excluding Crimea region, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia region, LPR and DPR regions)**

- (i) The EU sanctions on Ukraine are set out in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP of March 5, 2014, as last amended through Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/457 of March 2, 2023; and Council Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 of March 5, 2014, as last amended through Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/449 of March 2, 2023.
- (ii) EU sanctions on Ukraine provide for asset-freezing measures against certain persons and entities responsible for the misappropriation of funds of the Ukrainian state, and persons responsible for human rights violations in Ukraine, and natural or legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them.
- (iii) At the time of writing, the UK does not maintain a sanctions regime targeting Ukraine. For details on the restrictions targeting the non-government controlled areas of Ukraine (the Crimea, DPR/LPR, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions) please refer to the restrictions set out above in relation to Russia.

(r) **Application to Zimbabwe**

- (i) EU sanctions on Zimbabwe are set out in Council Decision (CFSP) 2011/101/CFSP of February 15, 2011, as last amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/339 of February 14, 2023; and Council Regulation (EC) 314/2004 of February 19, 2004, as last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/595 of April 11, 2023.
- (ii) The EU sanctions include a ban on the export of arms and equipment that might be used for internal repression, a ban on the export of surveillance equipment and the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities and bodies responsible for serious human rights violations or abuses or the repression of civil society and democratic opposition and persons, entities and bodies whose actions, policies or activities otherwise undermine democracy or the rule of law in Zimbabwe, as well as persons, entities and bodies associated with them.
- (iii) During part of the Track Record Period ending December 31, 2021, the EU sanctions on Zimbabwe were extended to the UK Overseas Territories, including the Cayman Islands, through the Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2012.
- (iv) As of January 1, 2021, the UK replaced the EU sanctions on Zimbabwe by the Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, as amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 and the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2020. These regulations have been extended to apply to the UK Overseas Territories by the Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020. These regulations have replaced, with substantially the same effect, relevant existing EU legislation.

(s) **Application to the Group**

- (i) On the basis of our due diligence process and the Company's confirmation (for and on behalf of the Group) that:

- (1) All activities involving the Relevant Regions were negotiated, entered into and performed without any involvement (including in any approval or decision making capacity) by any national of or entity incorporated, domiciled, resident or otherwise located in either the territories of the EU, the UK, or the UK Overseas Territories;
- (2) the Group's activities involving the Relevant Regions have not identified any person specifically designated (i.e. listed/targeted) under any existing EU and UK sanctions regime;
- (3) the Group's transactions did not potentially fund or facilitate EU and/or UK sanctions-prohibited activity, nor grant any benefit towards any sanctioned person or entity;
- (4) the Group has not exported or directly or indirectly supply arms and related materiel, or equipment which might be used for internal repression;
- (5) the Group has not provided technical assistance related to military activities, or to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of arms and related materiel of any type;
- (6) the Group has not provided financing or financial assistance related to any activities referred to above;
- (7) neither the Company nor any of its affiliates, agents, directors, officers or employees have been engaged in the export of items for use in oil exploration and production in deep water, the Arctic, or shale formations, or in the provision of finance including loans or credit to Russia;

On this basis, Hogan Lovells' conclusion is that the Group's business dealings with respect to the Relevant Regions have not breached the prohibitions or wider restrictions adopted by the EU or the UK, including those extended to the UK Overseas Territories.

(t) **EU and UK export controls**

- (i) In addition to EU sanctions measures, the EU applies export controls on dual-use items, including technology. Until September 9, 2021, EU export controls were set out in Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of May 5, 2009, which applied to the UK until December 31, 2020. As of September 9, 2021, the EU export control framework has been replaced by Regulation (EU) No 2021/821 of May 20, 2021 setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items, as last amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/996 of February 23, 2023 ("**EU Dual Use Regulation**"), which governs (i) the export of certain controlled dual-use products and technology from the EU to any non-EU country jurisdiction (not just jurisdictions subject to sanctions), (ii) the provision of technical assistance relating to controlled items and (iii) the brokering of transactions that involve

the transfer of controlled goods, certain wider restricted products and non-controlled products which may be destined for a prohibited end-use from one non-EU country to another non-EU country (again any third country jurisdiction not just jurisdictions subject to sanctions).. As of January 1, 2021, the UK export control framework is set out in Export Control Act 2002, the Export Control Order 2008, the Retained UK Dual-Use Regulation and Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.

- (ii) The Group has confirmed its understanding that it has not been, directly or indirectly, involved in the export from the EU, the UK and/or UK Overseas Territories of any items listed in the EU Common Military List or the UK Military List. The Group has not been involved in the export from the EU of items listed in the EU Dual Use list (Annex I to Regulation 428/2009 and Regulation 2021/821), the UK Dual-Use Regulation or any items listed under Schedule 2 or 3 of the UK's Export Control Order 2008 to any Relevant Regions. As such, no further analysis (e.g. any assessment against the specific list of items controlled under the EU/UK Dual Use Regulation) has been carried out by Hogan Lovells. Our conclusion is that such analysis is unnecessary based on the Group's confirmation that it is not directly or indirectly involved in the export from the EU, UK and/or UK Overseas Territories of any items listed in the EU or the UK Common Military List, the EU Dual Use, the UK Dual-Use Regulation or any items listed under Schedule 2 or 3 of the UK's Export Control Order 2008 list to any Relevant Regions.

Based on the information provided by the Company, Hogan Lovells understands that the EU and UK export rules are not implicated by the Group's activities.

8. AUSTRALIAN SANCTIONS

8.1 Overview

- (a) Australia has a dual sanctions regime consisting of sanctions measures imposed by the UN, together with Australian autonomous sanctions imposed by the Australian Government as a matter of its foreign policy. Australia's dual sanctions regime is administered by the Australian Sanctions Office ("**ASO**"), the Australian Government sanctions regulator, which sits within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("**DFAT**").
- (b) The Australian restrictions and prohibitions arising from the sanctions laws apply broadly to:
 - (i) any person in Australia;
 - (ii) any Australian anywhere in the world;
 - (iii) companies incorporated overseas that are owned or controlled by Australians or persons in Australia; and/or
 - (iv) any person using an Australian flag vessel or aircraft to transport goods or transact services subject to UN sanctions.
- (c) The ASO maintains the Consolidated List of all persons and entities designated for the purposes of sanctions regimes implemented under Australian sanction laws.
- (d) A criminal offence is committed if an individual or a body corporate to whom Australian sanctions measures apply, engages in conduct and the conduct contravenes a sanction law.

- (e) The Australian autonomous sanctions regimes are primarily implemented under the *Act Autonomous Sanctions 2011* (Cth) (the "**Act**") and the *Autonomous Sanctions Regulations 2011* (Cth) (the "**Regulations**").
- (f) The Act prohibits a person from engaging in conduct that is in breach of the sanctions laws.
- (g) Part 3 of the UK Belarus Regulations specifies that section 15.1 of the Criminal Code (being Schedule 1 to the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)) applies to a person that makes an unauthorised sanctioned supply. This has the effect of making the offence extra territorial if the alleged offence occurs outside of Australia by a person who is an Australian citizen or a body corporate incorporated under Australian law.
- (h) The prohibited conduct applies to conduct committed entirely inside or outside Australia if at the time of the alleged offence, the alleged offender is an Australian citizen or a body corporate incorporated under Australian law.

8.2 **Application to Afghanistan**

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN sanctions regime in relation to the Taliban, ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida; and
- (b) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Afghanistan.

8.3 **Application to the Balkans**

- (a) Australia imposes an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.³
- (b) Australia has imposed an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia since June 4, 1992. The autonomous sanctions regime is targeted against persons associated with the former Milosevic regime, and persons indicted or suspected of committing war crimes during the Balkan wars in the early 1990s.
- (c) Currently Australian law sanctions include restrictions (without a sanctions permit) on:
 - (i) the use of or dealing with an asset that is owned or controlled by a "designated person" for the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;
 - (ii) making an asset available directly or indirectly to a "designated person" for the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and
 - (iii) the entry into or transit through Australia of a 'designated person' for the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

8.4 **Application to Belarus**

- (a) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Belarus.

8.5 **Application to the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Autonomous Sanctions Regulations 2011 (Cth) and Autonomous Sanctions (Designated and Declared Persons - Former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) List 2012 (Cth).

- (a) During the Track Record Period, Australia fully implements the UN sanctions regime in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo under the Charter of the UN (Sanctions – Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulations 2008 (Cth); and
- (b) Australia has not imposed an additional autonomous sanctions regime in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

8.6 Application to Egypt

- (a) Australia has not imposed any targeted sanctions (autonomous or otherwise) in relation to Egypt.

8.7 Application to Hong Kong

- (a) Australia has not imposed any targeted sanctions (autonomous or otherwise) in relation to Hong Kong during the Track Record Period.

8.8 Application to Iraq

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN sanctions regime in relation to Iraq.
- (b) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Iraq.

8.9 Application to Lebanon

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN sanctions regime in relation to Lebanon; and
- (b) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Lebanon.

8.10 Application to Libya

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN Security Council sanctions regime in relation to Libya.
- (b) Australia also imposes an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to Libya to supplement the UNSC sanctions regime.
- (c) Currently, Australian law prohibits:
 - (i) the use of or dealing with an asset that is owned or controlled by a 'designated person or entity' for Libya; and
 - (ii) making an asset available directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of, a 'designated person or entity' for Libya,without a sanctions permit.
- (d) An 'asset' is defined broadly to include an asset or property of any kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable.

8.11 Application to Mali

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN sanctions regime in relation to Mali; and
- (b) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Mali.

8.12 Application to Myanmar/Burma

The Regulations currently prohibit:

- (a) the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to Myanmar/Burma, for use in Myanmar/Burma, or for the benefit of Myanmar/Burma, of arms or related materiel;
- (b) the provision to Myanmar/Burma, or to a person for use in Myanmar/Burma, of technical advice, assistance or training, financial assistance, a financial service or other service if it assists with or is provided in relation to the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of arms or related materiel to Myanmar/Burma, for use in Myanmar/Burma, or for the benefit of Myanmar/Burma; and
- (c) the provision to Myanmar/Burma, or to a person for use in Myanmar/Burma, of technical advice, assistance or training, financial assistance, a financial service or other service if it assists with or is provided in relation to the manufacture or use of arms or related materiel.

8.13 Application to Russia (excluding Crimea region)

- (a) Australia imposes an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to Russia/Ukraine pursuant to the UK Belarus Regulations and the Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Specification 2015 (Cth) ("**Autonomous Sanctions Specification**").
- (b) The Australian Government announced on March 19, 2014, that it would impose a sanctions regime in response to the Russian threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. On September 1, 2014, the then Prime Minister of Australia announced expanded autonomous sanctions in relation to Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol. These measures were implemented through amendments to the UK Belarus Regulations commencing on March 31, 2015 and February 24, 2022.
- (c) Australian sanctions laws prohibits the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to Russia, for use in Russia, or for the benefit of Russia, of the following 'export sanctioned goods' (without a sanctions permit):
 - (i) arms or related materiel. (The import, purchase or transport of arms or related materiel which originated in or has been exported from Russia is also prohibited); and
 - (ii) items suited to any of the following categories of exploration and production projects in Russia, including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf:
 - (1) oil exploration and production in waters deeper than 150 meters;
 - (2) oil exploration and production in the offshore area north of the Arctic Circle; or
 - (3) projects that have the potential to produce oil from resources located in shale formations by way of hydraulic fracturing (other than exploration and production through shale formations to locate or extract from non-shale reservoirs).
- (d) Australian sanctions laws also prohibit (without a sanctions permit):

(i) the provision to Russia, or to a person for use in Russia:

- (1) technical advice, assistance or training;
- (2) financial assistance;
- (3) a financial service; or
- (4) another service,

if it assists with, or is provided in relation to:

- (A) a military activity; or
- (B) the manufacture, maintenance or use of 'arms or related materiel';

(ii) the provision to Russia, or to a person, entity or body for use in Russia, of drilling services, well-testing services, logging and completion services and the supply of specialised floating vessels that are necessary for any of the following categories of exploration and production projects in Russia, including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf:

- (1) oil exploration and production in waters deeper than 150 metres;
- (2) oil exploration and production in the offshore area north of the Arctic Circle; or
- (3) projects that have the potential to produce oil from resources located in shale formations by way of hydraulic fracturing (other than exploration and production through shale formations to locate or extract from non-shale reservoirs);

(iii) the provision to a person of an investment service if it assists with, or is provided in relation to, a sanctioned commercial activity (listed in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) below);

(iv) the direct or indirect purchase or sale of, or any other dealing with, bonds, equities, transferable securities, money market instruments or other similar financial instruments, if the financial instrument:

- (1) is issued after July 28, 2017 by an entity specified in the Autonomous Sanctions Specification; and
- (2) has a maturity period specified in the Autonomous Sanctions Specification for the financial instrument and the entity.

This prohibition does not apply to an activity in relation to tradable securities or any other financial instrument that:

- (A) is a derivative product the value of which is linked to an underlying asset of a type mentioned in (iv); and
- (B) does not involve the purchase or sale of, or any other dealing in relation to, the underlying asset;

- (v) directly or indirectly making, or being part of any arrangement to make loans or credit if the loan or credit:
 - (1) is made to an entity specified in the Autonomous Sanctions Specification; and
 - (2) has a maturity period specified in the Autonomous Sanctions Specification for the financial instrument and the entity.

This prohibition does not apply to:

- (A) loans or credit that have a specific and documented objective to provide:
 - (I) financing for non-prohibited imports or exports of goods and non-financial services between Australia and Russia; or
 - (II) emergency funding to meet the solvency and liquidity criteria for legal persons: established in Australia and whose proprietary rights are more than 50% owned by an entity specified in the Autonomous Sanctions Specification; and
- (B) drawdowns or disbursements made under a contract concluded before July 28, 2017 if:
 - (I) all the terms and conditions of such drawdown or disbursement: were agreed before July 28, 2017 and have not been modified on or after July 28, 2017; and
 - (II) before July 28, 2017, a contractual maturity date has been fixed for the repayment in full of all funds made available and for the cancellation of all the commitments, rights and obligations under the contract.
- (vi) from 25 April 2022, the import, purchase or transport of oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, coal and other energy products from Russia;
- (vii) directly or indirectly supplying, selling, transferring certain luxury goods to, for use in, or for the benefit of Russia;
- (viii) directly or indirectly supplying, selling, transferring aluminium ores (including bauxite), alumina and related products to, for use in, or for the benefit of Russia;
- (ix) the import, purchase or transport of gold (including gold plated with platinum) in unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form, that originate in, or was exported from, Russia after 30 September 2022;

- (x) directly or indirectly making an asset available to (or for the benefit of) a designated person or entity;
- (xi) using or dealing with an asset, or allowing or facilitating another person to use or deal with an asset, if the asset is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity (the assets are 'frozen' and cannot be used or dealt with); and
 - (1) an 'asset' includes an asset or property of any kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable;
 - (2) a 'controlled asset' is an asset owned or controlled by a designated person/entity (and in some cases a person/entity acting on their behalf or another entity owned or controlled by the designated person/entity); and
- (xii) the entry or transit to Australia of designated persons.

8.14 Application to Somalia

- (a) Australia fully implements the UN Security Council sanctions regime in relation to Somalia;
- (b) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Somalia.

8.15 Application to Tunisia

- (a) Australia has not imposed any targeted sanctions (autonomous or otherwise) in relation to Tunisia during the Track Record Period.

8.16 Application to Turkey

- (a) Australia has not imposed any targeted autonomous sanctions in relation to Turkey.

8.17 Application to Ukraine (excluding Crimea region, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia region, LPR and DPR regions)

- (a) Australia imposes an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to Ukraine in response to the Russian threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- (b) Australian sanctions laws prohibit (without a sanctions permit):
 - (i) the use of or dealing with an asset that is owned or controlled by a 'designated person or entity' for Ukraine; and
 - (ii) making an asset available directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of, a 'designated person or entity' for Ukraine. An 'asset' is defined broadly to include an asset or property of any kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable.
- (c) Australian sanctions laws also prohibit the entry into or transit through Australia of a 'designated person' for Ukraine.

8.18 Application to specified regions in Ukraine

- (a) Australian sanctions applied to the Crimean and Sevastopol regions of Ukraine between 31 March 2015 and 27 March 2022.
- (b) However, in light of Russia's operations in Ukraine in February 2022, Australian sanctions were extended on 28 March 2022 so that they now apply to the Crimean, Sevastopol, Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine alongside any other regions of Ukraine specified by the Minister for Foreign Affairs ("**Specified Regions**").
- (c) Australian sanctions laws prohibit the following in relation to the Specified Regions (except where permissible pursuant to a sanctions permit issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs):
 - (i) the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to the Specified Regions, for use in the Specified Regions, or for the benefit of the Specified Regions, of specified items ("**Sanctioned Goods**") relating to the creation, acquisition or development of infrastructure for:
 - (1) the transport, telecommunications or energy sectors;
 - (2) the exploitation of oil, gas or mineral reserves in the Specified Regions;
 - (ii) the import, purchase or transport of any goods that originate in, or are exported from, the Specified Regions, except goods that have been verified by Ukrainian officials;
 - (iii) granting loans or credit or establish joint ventures in the Specified Regions ("**Sanctioned Activities**") relating to:
 - (1) the creation, acquisition or development of infrastructure in the transport, telecommunications or energy sectors; or
 - (2) the exploitation of oil or gas, or of specified mineral resources;
 - (iv) the provision of services which relate to Sanctioned Goods or Sanctioned Activities, specifically the provision of:
 - (1) services which relate to the supply of Sanctioned Goods to the Specified Regions, or to the manufacture, maintenance or use of such goods for the Specified Regions;
 - (2) financial assistance or financial services which relate to goods originating in or exported from the Specified Regions; and
 - (3) services to the Specified Regions, or for use in the Specified Regions, which relate to engagement in a Sanctioned Activity for the Specified Regions;
 - (v) directly or indirectly making an asset available to (or for the benefit of) a designated person or entity;
 - (vi) using or dealing with an asset, or allowing or facilitating another person to use or deal with an asset, if the asset is owned or controlled by a designated

person or entity (the assets are 'frozen' and cannot be used or dealt with);
and

- (1) an 'asset' includes an asset or property of any kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable;
- (2) the Consolidated List of designated persons and entities is available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's [website](#); and
- (3) if you become aware that you are holding an asset of a designated person or entity, you are required to freeze (hold) that asset and notify the Australian Federal Police as soon as possible.

(vii) the entry or transit to Australia of designated persons.

8.19 Application to Zimbabwe

- (a) Australia imposes an autonomous sanctions regime in relation to Zimbabwe.
- (b) Australian sanctions law includes restrictions on the supply, sale or transfer of arms or related materiel without a sanctions permit.
- (c) Australia's sanctions laws prohibit (without a sanctions permit) the provision to Zimbabwe, or to a person for use in Zimbabwe, of:
 - (i) technical advice, assistance or training;
 - (ii) financial assistance;
 - (iii) a financial service; or
 - (iv) another service,if it assists with, or is provided in relation to military activity, arms or related materiel.
- (d) Currently, Australian law also prohibits (without a sanctions permit):
 - (i) the use of or dealing with an asset that is owned or controlled by a 'designated person or entity' for Zimbabwe; and
 - (ii) making an asset available directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of, a 'designated person or entity' for Zimbabwe.
- (e) An 'asset' is defined broadly to include an asset or property of any kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable.
- (f) The Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs may grant a sanctions permit authorising an activity that would contravene the above prohibitions if the Minister is satisfied that it would be in the national interest to do so(although additional criteria may apply).

8.20 Application to the Group

- (a) The Company has confirmed that no Australian citizens employed or otherwise engaged by the Group have been involved in any way, including in the negotiation or approval of, or with the on-going performance of, or in any wider decision making

capacity, with respect to any of the Group's dealings involving the Relevant Regions; and

- (b) On the basis of the Company's confirmations that neither the Group nor any of its subsidiaries is:
- (i) a person in Australia;
 - (ii) an Australian citizen or Australian-registered body;
 - (iii) owned or controlled by Australians or persons in Australia; or
 - (iv) a person using an Australian flag vessel or aircraft to transport goods or transact services subject to Australian autonomous sanctions;
 - (v) engaged in any activities in Australia; or
 - (vi) the Group's dealings do not involve products or services that are restricted under Australian export controls,

Hogan Lovells' assessment is that the Group's activities do not implicate the prohibitions or wider restrictions under international sanctions measures administered and enforced by the Government of Australia.

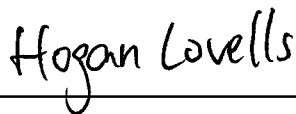
The conclusion stated in this memorandum is not binding on OFAC, the U.S. Department of State, the European Commission, the competent authorities of European Union Member States, Australia, or on any other regulatory or judicial authority, which have substantial discretion in determining whether to investigate particular transactions or relationships or to pursue sanctions or other enforcement. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that OFAC, the U.S. Department of State or any other such authority will not ultimately pursue sanctions or otherwise take actions that are contrary to the conclusions set forth in this memorandum. Such conclusion is based solely on our interpretation of the applicable laws referred to herein; and we assume no liability based on any conclusion or holding of any such authority that is inconsistent with our interpretation and conclusion.

This memorandum is only intended for the benefit of the person(s) to whom it is addressed.

This memorandum may also be disclosed for information only to (but not relied on by) the Joint Sponsors, the underwriter(s) of the Offering, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Registry, and within the period and in accordance with procedure specified in the Prospectus, available for inspection to the public and such disclosure and non-reliance and the liability waiver referred to above are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

Save as the above, no recipient may disclose this memorandum to any other person or quote or refer to it in any public document or file it with any person, without our prior written consent in each specific case.

If you have questions or comments regarding this memorandum, or would otherwise like to discuss the information herein, please contact Ben Kostrzewa at ben.kostrzewa@hoganlovells.com.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hogan Lovells". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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