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Mark Plotkin, a partner in the Washington, DC office of Covington & Burling LLP, chairs the Firm's National Security and Defense Industry Group.

Mr. Plotkin represents clients before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) in obtaining Exon-Florio approval for foreign investments in the United States and before the Defense Security Service (DSS) of the U.S. Department of Defense in connection with foreign ownership, control, or influence (FOCI) reviews. His experience includes negotiating a number of the most significant, complex and sensitive national security mitigation agreements with the U.S. government since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Most recently, Mr. Plotkin advised Nexen, Inc. in connection with its \$19 billion acquisition by CNOOC Limited; and BAE Systems plc in connection with its proposed \$45 billion combination with EADS N.V. Among other landmark CFIUS cases, Mr. Plotkin successfully represented IBM in the company's \$1.75 billion sale of its personal computer division to Lenovo, China Investment Corporation in its \$1.6 billion investment in AES Corporation, CNOOC Limited in its \$3.5 billion aggregate investments in Chesapeake Energy's Eagle Ford and Niobrara shale projects, Stanley Inc. in its \$1 billion acquisition by CGI Group, Deutsche Börse in its proposed \$9.5 billion acquisition of the New York Stock Exchange, Temasek Holdings in its multi-billion dollar investment in Merrill Lynch, GH Acquisition Corp. in its combination with Iridium Holdings, Advanced Technology Investment Company in its joint venture with Advanced Micro Devices to form GLOBALFOUNDRIES and in the acquisition of Chartered Semiconductor, and Global Crossing in its acquisition by Singapore Technologies Telemedia. Mr. Plotkin has advised some of the world's leading companies and private equity funds on national security matters, including AOL, Borealis Infrastructure, BT, The Carlyle Group, Citadel Holdings, Datascope, Elbit Systems, Energy Future Holdings, Gaz Métro, Global Crossing, Intercell, KKR, Rafael, Stanley Associates and Terra Industries, among others.

Mr. Plotkin, a member of *Phi Beta Kappa*, graduated from Yale College *summa cum laude* and Harvard Law School with honors. He is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., where he teaches a course on national security law, and he lectures annually on cross-border transactions at Yale Law School. Mr. Plotkin is Co-Editor of *Regulation of Foreign Banks and Affiliates in the United States* (6th Ed., West Publishing, 2012), Editor-in-Chief of *E-Commerce Law and Business* (Aspen Publishing, 2003), and the author of several dozen articles on the subjects of U.S. national security, privacy and data security, and financial services regulation.