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Locke Lord Strategies To Represent The Islamic Republic Of Pakistan In The United States

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) May 12, 2008 – The Islamic Republic of Pakistan has retained Locke Lord Strategies, the Washington, D.C. based public affairs and government relations entity of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, to represent it in the United States. Leading the team representing Pakistan is Partner Mark Siegel who has long ties with the leadership of the new democratically elected government of Pakistan. He served as Pakistan's Washington lobbyist from 1988-1990 and then again from 1993-1996.

Husain Haqqani, the Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to the United States said that "the Embassy of Pakistan looks forward to working closely with Mark Siegel and his team from Locke Lord Strategies in strengthening the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan and raising the image and profile of Pakistan in America. This is an outstanding and highly respected firm that is committed to its clients. We feel very fortunate that it will be representing us in America."

Under the contract, Locke Lord Strategies will work to support the Embassy by developing and implementing government and communications strategies. Locke Lord Strategies will assist Pakistan to promote better understanding of Pakistan's efforts to support U.S. objectives, working to utilize effective strategies to project key messages; will work to assist Pakistan to promote the enhancement of the Embassy's dialogue with U.S. leaders and government officials in order to encourage better understanding of the country's recent political, social and economic developments; and will devise and help implement a comprehensive strategy to assist Pakistan to communicate and promote a more accurate and balanced message regarding common U.S.-Pakistan interests, and of the important changes taking place in Pakistan in the political, economic and social spheres.

Mark Siegel served as speechwriter to the late Benazir Bhutto for almost a quarter century. He is a former Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee and Deputy Assistant to the President in the Carter White House. Siegel, who has worked in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, holds a Ph.D. in congressional behavior and political parties from Northwestern University and has more than 30 years of experience on the highest level serving and providing strategic counsel to a broad range of domestic private and public sector clients. He has appeared frequently on CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX as a Democratic analyst and strategist. During the 2000 presidential recount crisis, he was the on-air consultant to The Today Show on NBC. Most recently he was the featured guest on Jon Stewart's Daily Show talking about the book he co-authored with Prime Minister Bhutto before her death,

Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy and the West, which was Number 2 on the New York Times Best-Seller list.

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