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Arbitration Place and Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Toronto, June 24, 2019 – Arbitration Place and the Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center (“BAC”) announce the signing of their Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”). The MoU between Arbitration Place – which operates Canada’s premier arbitration hearing facilities in Toronto and Ottawa – and BAC – a leading arbitration institution in China and an emerging arbitration hub among the international arbitration community – reflects the parties’ joint dedication to cooperate, and to assist in the better understanding, development and promotion of each others’ services and the use of commercial dispute resolution both generally and between Chinese parties and/or Canadian parties.

The MoU was signed at Arbitration Place on the occasion of BAC’s 2019 Toronto Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China. The Summit, presented by BAC, Arbitration Place and ADR Chambers, was designed to strengthen the ties between dispute resolution communities in China and Toronto, with prestigious speakers from China coming to Toronto to share with Canadian dispute resolution practitioners their insight on new trends and challenges in a wide range of fields of commercial dispute resolution in China, including commercial arbitration, commercial mediation, construction, energy, investment, finance, intellectual property and entertainment. Along with the visiting Chinese speakers, the Summit featured leading Canadian arbitration practitioners.

“The agreement furthers BAC’s outreach to leading cities in North American and Europe” said Dr. Fuyong Chen, Deputy Secretary General of Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Center. “I am impressed with Arbitration Place’s world class hearing facilities and with Toronto as a venue for international arbitration. We look forward to collaborating with Arbitration Place on arbitration and future arbitration-related events, and to building a long-term relationship not only for our respective benefit but for the benefit of the peoples of Beijing and Toronto – and the peoples of China and Canada.”

“I am very pleased to welcome BAC to Arbitration Place and to our ‘all-encompassing approach’ that counsel, parties and arbitrators from all parts of the world have come to enjoy here,” said Kimberley Stewart, CEO and Founder of Arbitration Place. “We are honoured that the BAC has chosen Toronto as a location for its Summit and we too look forward to developing a long-term relationship, to enhancing our understanding of each other’s commercial dispute resolution methods and cultures, and to assisting commercial parties to develop, appreciate and use more effective and efficient means to resolve disputes.”

Under the terms of co-operation set out in the MoU, Arbitration Place and BAC, when appropriate and subject to special arrangements, will provide facilities and services for arbitrations being heard in Canada or in Beijing, provide facilities and services for the organization of events in Canada or in Beijing, and may, when appropriate, consult the other for assistance in recommending arbitrators or other neutrals.

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Arbitration Place offers counsel, arbitrators, and arbitral institutions world-class, fully-integrated hearing facilities in two locations: one in the heart of Canada's financial district in downtown Toronto, and another in Ottawa, Canada's national capital. Featuring a roster of internationally-renowned resident and member arbitrators, Arbitration Place offers an 'all-encompassing approach', which includes state-of-the-art hearing and breakout rooms, concierge-level administrative services, an on-site commercial kitchen staffed by a team of chefs, and in-house legal counsel to act as a tribunal secretary.

Arbitration Place hosts an on-site court reporting service offering a full portfolio of reporting, transcription, and videography services, staffed with personnel that have the highest certification standards and years of experience handling arbitral proceedings.

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The Beijing Arbitration Commission, also known as the Beijing International Arbitration Center (the "BAC/BIAC") was established on 28 September 1995. In 1998, the BAC/BIAC has become the first self-funded arbitration institution in China. Since 2018, it has been included into the "One-Stop" Diversified International Commercial Dispute Resolution Mechanism as one of the first of five institutions by the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China. Over the past two decades, the BAC/BIAC has been also widely accepted as one of the leading arbitration institutions internationally.

The BAC/BIAC provides tailored dispute resolution services to both domestic and international parties in commercial arbitration, commercial mediation and dispute board.