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April 22, 2022

Ms. Taryn Hyson Regional Liaison American Arbitration Association 150 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Floor 17 New York, NY 10017

Re: Trimeta Capital Limited and Laurus Limited v. Viguié Schmidt & Associés

Dear Ms. Hyson:

Please find enclosed our Arbitration Demand, along with a check for the filing fee in the amount of \$7,700.00.

Paul J. Ferak

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## COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES DEMAND FOR ARBITRATION

Mediation: If you would like the AAA to contact the other partie There is no additional administrative fee for this service.	s and attempt to arrange a	mediation, please check this box $\Box$ .		
You are hereby notified that a copy of our arbitration agreement Association with a request that it commence administration of than answering statement.				
Name of Respondent: Trimeta Capital Limited and Laurus Limited				
Address: Please see Exhibit A, attached hereto.				
City:	State: Select	Zip Code:		
Phone No.:	Fax No.:			
Email Address:				
Name of Representative (if known): Please see Exhibit A, attached hereto				
Name of Firm (if applicable):				
Representative's Address:				
City:	State: Select	Zip Code:		
Phone No.:	Fax No.:			
Email Address:				
The named claimant, a party to an arbitration agreement which provides for arbitration under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, hereby demands arbitration.				
Brief Description of the Dispute:				
Please see Exhibit B, attached hereto.				
Dollar Amount of Claim: \$ 1,628,039.00 (USD)				
Other Relief Sought: ☑ Attorneys Fees ☑ Interest ☑ Arbitration Costs ☐ Punitive/Exemplary ☐ Other:				
Amount enclosed: \$ 7,700.00				
In accordance with Fee Schedule: ☐ Flexible Fee Schedule 🗹 St	andard Fee Schedule			
Please describe the qualifications you seek for arbitrator(s) to be	appointed to hear this disp	oute:		
A commercial litigator or former judge with more than twenty-five years of experience handling business disputes				
Hearing locale:				
(check one) ☐ Requested by Claimant ☑ Locale provision included in the contract				

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Estimated time needed for hearings overall:	hours or	days	
Type of Business:			
Claimant: Law Firm	Respondent: Investment Group		
Are any parties to this arbitration, or their controlling shareholder or parent company, from different countries than each other?			
Yes			
Signature (may be signed by a representative):	Date:		
Pur ful	April 22, 2022		
Name of Claimant: Greenberg Traurig, LLP			
Address (to be used in connection with this case): 77 West Wacker Drive, Suite 3100			
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Name of Representative: Paul J. Ferak			
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Email Address: ferakp@gtlaw.com			
To begin proceedings, please file online at <a href="https://www.adr.org/fileonline">www.adr.org/fileonline</a> . You will need to upload a copy of this Demand and the Arbitration Agreement, and pay the appropriate fee.			

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EXHIBIT B

(Brief Description of Dispute)

Claimant Greenberg Traurig, LLP ("Greenberg") brings this breach of contract action against Respondents Trimeta Capital Limited ("Trimeta") and Laurus Limited ("Laurus") (collectively, the "Respondents") based on Respondents' wrongful failure to pay US \$1,628,039.00 for legal services rendered.

In January 2021, Respondents engaged Greenberg to represent them in connection with a potential acquisition of a U.S. based business with operations around the world. The terms of this engagement are set forth in an engagement agreement dated January 14, 2021 (the "Engagement Agreement"). Greenberg rendered legal services to Trimeta and Laurus from January 2021 through May 2021. Trimeta and Laurus did not ultimately succeed in completing the acquisition.

The legal services provided by Greenberg are detailed in the following invoices presented to Trimeta and Laurus: Invoice #5656131 dated April 20, 2021 for US\$1,313,454 and Invoice #5681029 dated May 26, 2021 for US\$314,585. After repeated efforts to collect payment of these invoices over a period of several months, and after repeated assurances that these invoices would be paid, Greenberg has not received any payment for the services rendered to Respondents, each of which remains jointly and severally liable for the payment of Greenberg's fees and expenses.

Greenberg brings a claim for breach of the Engagement Agreement based on the foregoing and seeks damages and other relief in excess of US\$1,628,039.00. Based on the foregoing, Greenberg seeks all damages and other relief allowed by the Engagement Agreement and all remedies available under law, including damages, unjust enrichment, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. Greenberg reserves the right to amend these claims and its demand and seek further relief from Respondents as allowed by the Engagement Agreement and New York law.