SECTION A – DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

"**central government**" means, for Canada, the federal government, and, for Mali, the government of the Republic of Mali;

"**competition authority**" means:

- for Canada, the Commissioner of Competition or a successor to be notified to Mali by diplomatic note; and

- for Mali, the National Director of Trade and Competition or a successor to be notified to Canada by diplomatic note;

"**confidential information**" means confidential business information or information that is privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under the law of a Party;

"**covered investment**" means an investment in the territory of a Party of an investor of the other Party that exists on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, as well as investments made or acquired after that date;

"**disputing investor**" means an investor that makes a claim under Section C (Settlement of Disputes between an Investor and the Host Party);

"**disputing party**" means the disputing investor or the respondent Party;

"**enterprise**" means:

(a) any entity constituted or organized under applicable law, whether or not for profit, whether privately-owned or governmentally-owned, including a corporation, trust, partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture or other association; and

(b) a branch of any such entity;

"**existing**" means in effect on the date of entry into force of this Agreement;

"**financial institution**" means a financial intermediary or other enterprise that is authorized to do business and that is regulated or supervised as a financial institution under the law of the Party in whose territory it is located;

"**financial service**" means a service of a financial nature, including insurance, and a service incidental or auxiliary to a service of a financial nature;