

January 19, 2006

H.E. Maqbool Bin Ali Sultan  
Minister of Commerce and Industry  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
Sultanate of Oman

Dear Mr. Minister:

In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), we have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached by the Governments of the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman regarding the Agreement:

The Parties confirm that, with respect to cross-border trade in financial services, and without prejudice to other means of prudential regulation, a Party may require the registration or authorization of cross-border financial service suppliers of the other Party and of financial instruments.

We would be grateful if you would confirm that your Government shares this understanding and have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments to enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman  
United States Trade Representative

Clay Lowery  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Sultanate of Oman  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
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The Honorable Robert J. Portman  
United States Trade Representative

The Honorable Clay Lowery  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Dear Ambassador Portman and Mr. Lowery:

I am pleased to receive your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

"In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), we have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached by the Governments of the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman regarding the Agreement:

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I have the honor to confirm that my Government shares the understanding referred to in your letter and to confirm that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments to enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Maqbool Bin Ali Sultan