

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned representative of HSBC Holdings plc (“HSBC”) being duly authorized to represent and speak on behalf of HSBC, hereby states to the best of his knowledge and belief, as follows: HSBC understands the State of Illinois’ policy as expressed in Section 5/1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code (the “Statute”) to restrict investment by its pension funds in Iran-restricted companies, Sudan-restricted companies and companies that boycott Israel.

Under the Statute, “Boycott Israel” means “engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.” HSBC certifies that it has never engaged in actions that boycott Israel as that term is defined in the Statute. HSBC further states that any allegations that HSBC has ever engaged in a boycott of Israel or succumbed to pressure from others to boycott Israel are false.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth in this certification are true and correct.

9 June 2021

By: 

Shawn Chen, Global General Counsel for Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement