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THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MONGOLIA

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia – The American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia (AmCham Mongolia) is making the following appeal to the Government of Mongolia.

AmCham Mongolia firmly believes in a free-market economy built on the foundation of a sound private sector. Many private sector companies, domestic and foreign-invested, have contributed a large part of the state's revenue that funds the country's development through taxes, social insurance, and other fees. In particular, the construction and industrial sectors bring tangible and intangible investments to the country through their operations.

AmCham Mongolia respects and highlights the exemplary behavior of business owners who understand the principles of law enforcement and compliance and adhere to these principles while demonstrating fair competition and market rules. Despite our member organizations' adherence to these principles, recent actions have sparked an outcry in the community and have raised significant concerns for our members.

Recent allegations have been made against several private sector companies, two of which are AmCham members. Naran Mandal Enterprises LLC and Monpolymet Group LLC have been subject to actions taken by law enforcement agencies. Naran Mandal Enterprises was ordered to suspend operations at their Tsagaan Tsakhir project in Bayan-Ovoo soum, Bayankhongor Province, and the bank accounts of subsidiaries belonging to Monpolymet Group LLC have been frozen. We condemn this course of action, which undermines the government's goal to support local and foreign-invested companies, and respectfully demand that all legal proceedings be carried out in a cohesive and transparent manner.

On behalf of its more than 80 members, AmCham Mongolia demands that these aggressive actions against the private sector cease to prevent tarnishing Mongolia's image in public and international circles. We urge the government to conduct law enforcement activities in a transparent and principled manner.

If these actions and attitudes persist, future opportunities for foreign investment, private sector development, and the overall business environment in Mongolia will be jeopardized. This will lead to the loss of economic diversification and threaten the livelihoods of many citizens. We call on the government to review and immediately rectify these actions.

About AmCham Mongolia

The American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia (AmCham Mongolia) is an independent membership-driven organization that seeks to build, strengthen, and protect business between the United States and Mongolia, and actively promote Mongolia as a destination for American investment. AmCham Mongolia is accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as its official affiliate in Mongolia. Based in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the largest federation in the world, with over 3 million members