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### **Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP Named “Law Firm of the Year” for 2013 in an Unprecedented 25 Separate Categories in the United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and China.**

New York, New York – September 19, 2013 – Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, one of the world’s leading international law firms, today announced that the Firm has been named as “Law Firm of the Year” for 2013 in an unprecedented 25 Separate Categories in the U.S., Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and China, including:

#### **In the United States:**

International Trade & Finance Law Firm of the Year

Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year

M&A Law Firm of the Year

Corporate Law Firm of the Year

Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year

Energy Law Firm of the Year

Mining Law Firm of the Year

Private Equity Law Firm of the Year

Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year

Shipping & Maritime Law Firm of the Year

Aviation Law Firm of the Year

Islamic Finance Law Firm of the Year

Internet & E-Commerce Law Firm of the Year

Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year

Real Estate Law Firm of the Year

Tax Law Firm of the Year

International Law Firm of the Year

Cross Border Law Firm of the Year

Full Service Law Firm of the Year

**In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:**

Overseas M&A Law Firm of the Year

Overseas Corporate Law Firm of the Year

Overseas Private Equity Law Firm of the Year

**In China**

Overseas M&A Law Firm of the Year

Overseas Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year

Overseas Cross Border Law Firm of the Year

This recognition comes on the heels of the Firm's Senior Partner, John J. Maalouf, being ranked as one of the Top 10 International Trade & Finance Lawyers in the United States for the past 8 consecutive years by the U.S. Lawyer Rankings.

### **About Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP**

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot is among the world's leading international financial services law firms with offices in New York City, London, Riyadh, Hong Kong, Shanghai, São Paulo and Beirut, and affiliated offices in over 30 different countries worldwide.

Maalouf Ashford & Talbot is at the forefront of the legal profession in structuring complex international business transactions and our Firm represents clients in numerous high-profile matters involving international oil & gas deals, mergers and acquisitions, IPO's, private equity, project finance, commodities, mining and cross-border transactions across the globe.

Combining a dedication to excellence with a commitment to superior client service, Maalouf Ashford & Talbot provides clients with a breadth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs. Maalouf Ashford has been honored as "Law Firm of the Year" on 56 occasions and categories, both in the U.S. and Asia.

Maalouf Ashford represents some of the world's most respected companies, and countries, in connection with their most complex and sophisticated international business transactions.

### **About John J. Maalouf**

John J. Maalouf, Senior Partner of the Firm, is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of international trade and finance, mergers and acquisitions, business and corporate law, oil & gas law, energy law, banking law, cross border transactions and project finance. John has been ranked as one of the Top 10 International Trade & Finance Lawyers in the United States for the past eight consecutive years by the U.S. Lawyer Rankings due to his commitment to excellence and outstanding client service in the areas of international business law. John is also "AV Peer Review Rated", Martindale-Hubbell's highest recognition for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Maalouf has represented clients throughout the world, including the U.S., China, Middle-East, EU, Japan, India, Australia, Russia and South America in complex matters involving international trade & finance, mergers & acquisitions, public offerings, international banking, project finance, capital markets, private equity, international oil & gas, mining and energy transactions.

In addition, John is co-author of the book: "Inside the Minds: Best Practices for Mergers & Acquisitions in China", published by Thomson West, the world's most respected name in legal publishing.

**About the ACQ Global Awards**

The ACQ Global Awards are the premier annual awards program celebrating the best industry practitioners working across the world.

According to Jake Robson, Editor in Chief of ACQ: “The winners represent the very best in their field from around the world and Maalouf Ashford & Talbot truly deserves the accolades of being chosen as Law Firm of the Year in an unprecedented 25 separate categories.”

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