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### FIRE AND POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> Re: Report to the City Council **Concerning Sudan Investments** Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System (F&P), the following report is submitted to the Baltimore City Council as required by Baltimore City Code Article 22, Section 35(a)(1)(vii) (Ordinance 07-570 of 2007).

The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no Sudan related investments are currently held in F&P actively managed separate accounts and the Board has not had to divest of any Sudan related investments over the last year.

The securities held in F&P investment manager accounts are compared each month to the list of companies on the Sudan listing as reported by the MSCI ESG Research Datafeeds Service. The companies listed are those that reportedly do business with the Sudan government. As of August 31, 2011, the F&P does not hold in any actively managed account any securities of Sudan related companies as reported by the MSCI Datafeed Service.

# Legislative History and Report Requirements

Ordinance 07-570 of 2007 became law following passage by the City Council and the approval of Mayor Dixon on November 27, 2007. The purpose of the Ordinance is to authorize divestment of public pension or retirement funds from Sudan or from companies doing business in or with Sudan; it defines certain terms, specifies certain criteria and considerations, requires certain reports and provides for the automatic termination of the Ordinance. The Ordinance became effective according to Section 4 of its provisions on April 1, 2008, the first day of the second quarter after the date it was enacted.

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Ordinance 07-570 of 2007 established Baltimore City Code Article 22, Section 35(a)(1) of the F&P plan provisions. Section 35(a)(1)(vii) requires that each year the F&P Board of Trustees submit a report to the Baltimore City Council concerning Sudan divestment that provides:

- 1. all divestment actions taken by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the ordinance,
- 2. a list of those companies doing business in Sudan and of those securities or instruments issued by Sudan, as reported to the Board by its investment managers and from which the Board has not divested, and
- 3. other developments relevant to investment in companies doing business in Sudan.

### Identification of Sudan Related Companies

Section 35(a)(1)(iii) provides that for examination of each management portfolio for Sudan related investments, the manager (and the Board of Trustees) shall reference the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) list of sanctioned companies, the Institutional Shareholders Services (ISS) list of Sudan related companies, or other list as approved by the F&P Board of Trustees.

The Treasury Department OFAC regulations list Sudanese specially designated nationals (SDNs) which are individuals and entities owned or controlled by or who act on behalf of the Government of Sudan. It is highly improbable that any investment management firm hired by the F&P Board of Trustees would hold shares or securities of companies on the OFAC Sudanese list or would conduct business with any individual on the OFAC Sudanese list.

Since passage of Ordinance 07-570, the Institutional Shareholders Services Company sold their social issue services which include the Sudan related companies list to the Risk Metrics Group. The Risk Metrics Group is now the MSCI ESG Datafeed Service and it continues to provide the same Sudan service listing as previously issued by ISS. The F&P Board of Trustees previously approved utilization of the ISS list and continues to utilize the MSCI Datafeed Service for determination of Sudan related investments. The latest MSCI Datafeed Service Sudan Focus list, issued August 31, 2011, is attached to this report.

## Actively Managed Separate Accounts Considered for Divestment Action

Section 35(a)(1)(iii) provides that the F&P Board of Trustees may take divestment action in "actively managed separate accounts" with regard to:

- 1. any bank or financial institution that makes loans to the Republic of Sudan,
- 2. a national corporation of Sudan, and
- 3. the stocks, securities, or other obligations of any company doing business in or with Sudan.

Excluded from divestment consideration are manager accounts that by definition in the law are not "actively managed separate accounts." Actively managed separate accounts do not include: indexed funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, real estate funds, other comingled funds, and passively managed funds. Therefore, the F&P's non-actively managed accounts are not included in this report.

## Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007

The U.S. Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-174) (the "Act"), signed into law by President Bush on December 31, 2007, provides authority for State and local governments and certain registered investment companies to adopt and enforce measures requiring divestment from companies having business operations in Sudan that include operations in 4 sectors — oil extraction, power production, mineral extraction, and military equipment manufacture — and provides a safe harbor from federal preemption claims for such divestment activity.

The Act provides protection for divestment only under the following conditions:

- The divestment action is based on a determination "using credible information available to the public" that the company is conducting business operations in Sudan.
- 2. "Business operations" must fall under the above-enumerated types of business operations.
- 3. The Act excludes from this definition any entities whose business operations:
  - a) are "conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;"
  - are conducted pursuant to a license from the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control or otherwise exempted under Federal law;

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- c) "consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;"
- d) involve "providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;" or
- e) "consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education;".
- 4. The Act also excludes companies that have voluntarily suspended any such business operations.
- 5. The State or local government must provide written notice and an opportunity to comment in writing to each company to whom a divestment measure is applied.
- The State or local government must refrain from divestment until after 90 days after the date on which written notice is provided to the company.
- 7. The State or local government may not divest from a company that demonstrates that it does not conduct or have direct investments in the 4 prohibited "business operations" categories.

Any State or local government enacting a divestment law or taking any divestment measure after January 1, 2008 must give notice of the action to the U.S. Justice Department no later than 30 days after adoption or action.

The divestment protections of the Act will terminate 30 days after the date the President certifies to Congress that the "Government of Sudan" as defined in the Act has honored its commitment to:

- 1. abide by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1769 (2007);
- 2. cease attacks on civilians:
- 3. demobilize and demilitarize the Janjaweed and associated militias;
- 4. grant free and unfettered access for delivery of humanitarian assistance; and
- allow for the safe and voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons.

As concerns the City's Sudan divestment legislation, it is clear that, in order to be constitutional, any divestment statute, regardless of when enacted, must conform to the requirements of the Act on or after January 1, 2008. As present, the City's Sudan divestment law is wider reaching and does not include the protections for targeted companies set forth in the Act. What is less than clear is whether an existing Sudan divestment law such as the City's which does not conform to the Act has to be rewritten before any divestment can take place or whether the City's retirement systems would be required to divest under the existing law to the extent it can be applied in a manner which conforms to the Act. It is thus advisable that the City Council amend its Sudan

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divestment law to conform to the Act and provide the U.S. Justice Department notice of the amended legislation.

Also of note is that on July 8, 2011, the Republic of South Sudan earned independence breaking the country of Sudan in two. The Republic of South Sudan became the world's newest nation officially breaking away from Sudan after two civil wars over five decades that cost the lives of millions.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: The Honorable Carl Stokes, Councilman, Chair, Taxation, Finance, and Economic Development Committee of the Baltimore City Council Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council The Honorable Members of the Board of Trustees, Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System

Fire and Police	<b>Retirement System</b>	of Baltimore City
	Sudan Focus List	

As of August 31, 2011					
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Aref Energy Holding Company KSCC	AREFENRGY		B13BW99	KW0EQ0601801	
AREF Investment Group S.A.K.	AIG		6131335	KW0EQ0200398	
ASEC Co for Mining ASCOM SAE	ASCM		B04CCH2	EGS10001C013	
Atlas Copco AB	ATCO A	049255706	B1QGR41	SE0000101032	
AviChina Industry & Technology Company Limited	2357		6707899	CNE1000001Y8	
Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited	BHEL		6129523	INE257A01018	
Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited	CHENNPETRO		6121563	INE178A01016	
China Avic Avionics Equipment Co.,Ltd.	600372		6371896	CNE0000018C0	
China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation	600028	16941R108	6373728	CNE0000018G1	
Daging Huake Company Limited	000985		6277949	CNE000001402	
Dongfeng Automobile Co.,Ltd	600006		6163833	CNE000000ZT3	
Dongfeng Motor Group Company Limited	489	257738203	B0PH5N3	CNE100000312	
Egypt Kuwait Holding Co (SAE)	EKHO		B0QMD00	EGS69082C013	
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Electricity Generating Public Company Limited	EGCO		6304632	TH0465010005	
Hafei Aviation Industry Co., Ltd	600038		6306586	CNE0000015V6	
Harbin Dongan Auto Engine Co., Ltd	600178		6128519	CNE00000013V0	
Harbin Power Equipment Company Limited	1133	<del> </del>	6422761	CNE10000033	
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	IOC	Y3925YAB0	6253767	INE242A01010	
Jiangxi Hongdu Aviation Industry Co., Ltd.	600316	133231700	6304375	CNE0000015N3	
Jinan Diesel Engine Company Limited	000617		6486109	CNE0000015N3	
KepCo Plant Service & Engineering Co Ltd	051600		B29ZGV2	KR7051600005	
KingDream Public Limited Company	000852		6136385	CNE000000XK7	
KLCC Property Holdings Berhad	KLCCP		B02FW17	MYL508900007	
Korea Electric Power Corporation	015760	500631106	6495730	KR7015760002	
LANKA IOC PLC	LIOC.N0000	300031100	B0591G4	LK0345N00005	
LS INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS CO.,LTD	010120		6378217	KR7010120004	
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Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd	MRPL		6121530	INE103A01014	
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Norinco International Cooperation Ltd.	000065	+	6112125	CNE0000001/70	
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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited	ONGC		B55XCQ8 6139362	RU0008959580	
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Petronas Dagangan Bhd	PETDAG	-	B5KQGT3	MYL518300008	
Petronas Gas Berhad	PETGAS	-	6695938	MYL568100001	
PT Elnusa Tbk	ELSA		6703972	MYL6033OO004	
Ranhill Berhad	RANHILL	-	B2PDCS9	ID1000109606	
Scomi Engineering Berhad	SCOMIEN	-	6328717	MYL503000001	
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Sudatel Telecom Group Limited	SMI		6007759	MA0000010068	
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