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Dear Dr Kobsak

### **JFCCT Consultative Meeting with Board of Investment of Thailand – Essential Reforms - next stages of development**

We are most appreciative of your generous offers to provide for more focused groups working on essential reforms. We have as requested identified those which we consider at this stage to be Essential Reforms requiring special focus.

In preparing this agenda we have checked the known submissions made by the foreign business community (not all of which are visible to us) and canvassed the matter. Provided here is not an exhaustive agenda but one where in particular a ‘fast track’ approach is needed. There are other high and mid priority issues which could for now continue to be addressed by the normal kind of interaction directly with line agencies.

In order for the programme to be most effective and valuable, as a basis of working we request and propose

(i) Visibility of the 1,000 or so licences processed by the Guillotine Unit and the GUs recommended resolutions, understanding that they are not all approved yet for implementation.

(ii) A ‘Guillotine’ or fast track method of working, to identify objectives and work out how to meet them, rather than being process focused and rather than having to seek approval (vs consult with) only line agencies.

(iii) Implementation, not just recommendation, should be a recognized part of the programme.

(iv) We will provide whatever background information and analysis on topics we can and ensure that priorities are clearly stated. In many instances (eg List 3 of FBA), TDRI and others have already done detailed impact analyses. Thus we propose avoiding re-inventing wherever possible.

(v) There would be an initial session on understanding the ‘fast track’ process.



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(vi) Each Essential Reform topic would be the topic for the relevant meeting. We will identify those from JFCCT who would participate.

(vii) An agreed, staged timetable for progress and completion of each topic.

Our high priority areas (Essential Reforms) for the next six months reflect the possibility that one topic may have a short time frame in which to be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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### **ESSENTIAL REFORMS AGENDA**

- (a) Immigration – the TM.30 related issues; Immigration App**
- (b) Visa and Work Permit: All other Work Permit and Visa issues including harmonisation**
- (c) Services Liberalization**
- (d) Trade Competition**