

Amendments:

1. For the reasons stated above, the Mission Description and Notional Agenda sections of the Notice of the Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Israel, 77 FR 21748, April 11, 2012, is amended to read as follows:

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce (DOC), International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS), is organizing an Executive-led Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Israel, October 28–November 1, 2012. This mission is designed to be led by a Senior Commerce Department official. The purpose of the mission is to introduce U.S. firms to Israel's rapidly expanding oil and gas market

and to assist U.S. companies pursuing export opportunities in this sector. The mission to Israel is intended to include representatives from leading U.S. companies that provide services to oil and gas facilities, from design and construction through to project implementation, maintenance of facilities, and environmental protection. The mission will visit Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and will include a visit to a to-be-determined site (e.g., port or company office). Mission participants will attend the 2012 Israel Energy and Business Convention. Held for the 10th consecutive year, by Eco Energy and Tachlit Conferences, this is Israel's major energy forum. The convention assembles representatives of companies and senior Israeli and foreign policy

makers, bringing them together with the Israeli financial and business community.

The mission will help participating firms gain market insights, make industry contacts, solidify business strategies, and advance specific projects, with the goal of increasing U.S. exports to Israel. The mission will include one-on-one business appointments with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors and joint venture partners; meetings with government officials; and high-level networking events. Participating in an official U.S. industry delegation, rather than traveling to Israel on their own, will enhance the companies' ability to secure meetings in Israel.

NOTIONAL TIMETABLE

Sunday, October 28, 2012	• Tel Aviv ○ Participation in Israel Energy and Business Convention 2012. ○ Welcome dinner with Trade Mission Leader at Neve Zedek: ■ Embassy briefing.
Monday, October 29, 2012	• Tel Aviv ○ Participation in Israel Energy and Business Convention 2012 (optional). ○ B2B meetings. ○ Networking reception at Ambassador's residence.
Tuesday, October 30, 2012	• Tel Aviv ○ GOI meetings in Jerusalem. ○ Lunch in Jerusalem followed by sightseeing. ○ Return to Tel Aviv.
Wednesday, October 31, 2012	• Ashdod ○ Ashdod Port (optional). ○ B2B meetings. ○ Lunch. ○ Depart hotel to GOI Roundtable with IDC Herzliya. ■ Selected Trade Mission participants to present to GOI questions/concerns. ○ Dinner/Reception with relevant Government of Israel Sr. Officials and IDC Herzliya.
Thursday, November 1, 2012	• Meetings with Noble Energy (Herzliya Pituah) • Visit Haifa port and Haifa shipyards. • B2B meetings. • Departure.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Executive-Led Trade Mission to South Africa and Zambia**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is amending the Notice published at 77 FR 31574, May 29, 2012, regarding the Executive-Led Trade Mission to South Africa and Zambia scheduled for November 26–30, 2012, to add to the targeted sectors the water sector (i.e., water supply, sanitation, and drainage systems) and architecture, construction and technical assistance services related to development of water sector infrastructure and encourage applications from U.S. exporters in that sector. Because of this amendment, the Department will delay until August 24, 2012 beginning to make selection decisions on a rolling basis to allow time for U.S. exporters in this newly-targeted sector to submit applications

before any selection decisions are made. Except as specified herein, all other information in the May 29, 2012 Notice, including the October 5, 2012 application deadline, remains unchanged.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In May 2012, the Millennium Challenge Corporation awarded a five-year, \$354.8 million Compact with the

Republic of Zambia aimed at reducing poverty through economic growth (the “Compact”). The Compact addresses one of Zambia’s most binding constraints to economic growth through investment in the water sector. The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service anticipates that this Compact will create opportunities for U.S. companies in the water sector that are interested in doing business in Zambia and is therefore amending the mission statement for the Executive-Led Trade Mission to South Africa and Zambia scheduled for November 26–30, 2012, to add the water sector as described below to the list of targeted sectors for this mission, which also includes electric power and energy efficiency technologies, equipment and services; productivity enhancing agricultural technologies and equipment; transportation equipment and infrastructure; and mining equipment and technology.

Amendments

For the reasons stated above, the Mission Description and Best Prospects in Targeted Sectors sections of the Notice of the Executive-Led Mission to Zambia and South Africa, 77 FR 31574, May 29, 2012, are amended as follows:

1. Under Mission Description, after “Bulk materials handling technology”, add the following text:

Water Sector

- Water supply
- Sanitation
- Drainage systems
- Engineering and construction companies related to development of water sector infrastructure
- Innovators in bottom of the pyramid water supply and sanitation service delivery

2. Under Best Prospects in Mission Targeted Sectors, after “Zambia also has cobalt, gold, uranium, nickel, manganese, coal, and gemstones, and produces 20 percent of the world’s emeralds.”, add the following text:

Water

The Government of Zambia has entered into a five-year, \$354.8 million Compact with the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government agency that works to reduce poverty through economic growth. The Compact will address one of Zambia’s largest constraints on economic growth through the investment in the water sector. The Compact is expected to improve upon more than 15 years of water sector reform through which Zambia has developed a strong,

commercially-operated utility, an independent regulator and a sound legal and regulatory structure. Through these reforms, the Government of Zambia has built a firm foundation for a Compact aimed to assist the nation’s rapidly urbanizing capital of Lusaka.

Lusaka currently has a population of over 1.8 million people, making up more than 10 percent of Zambia’s total population. By 2035, this number is projected to grow to nearly five million residents. Yet, the water supply and sanitation and drainage system that serves this rapidly growing population was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, built for a significantly smaller city. Despite large-scale reform, to both policy and infrastructure, to Zambia’s water sector over the past 15 years, the municipal water system has not experienced the benefit from major capital investment in the intervening years. As a result, the system’s core infrastructure is outdated, dilapidated and incapable of meeting current or future demand.

South Africa has made significant reforms to adopt an integrated approach to water resource management (IWRM), where water security for poverty alleviation and growth features as a national priority. This reform has been executed through policy and legislative changes, as well as the restructuring of existing institutions and establishment of new institutions for policy implementation. Furthermore, the Government of South Africa has brought rise to major development in their water system by ensuring that all citizens have access to functioning basic water services and to a functioning basic sanitation facility by 2010. Today, 88% of households have access to water services compared to 59% in 1994 and 73% of households have access to basic sanitation compared to 48% in 1994.

Notwithstanding these achievements, developing appropriate enablers to implement the changes brought about by the new legislation, policies and strategies remains a challenge. Citizens are frustrated with the gap between the water services they receive and the service levels and quality they are promised and expect. Existing schemes and networks are not meeting the demands of the fruits of a prosperous growth and development era in South Africa, whilst service delivery challenges increase as towns and cities

populations grow faster than service expansion can keep pace.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Multi-Sector Trade Mission to South India and Sri Lanka Chennai and Cochin, India and Colombo, Sri Lanka February 3–8, 2013

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS), along with the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka, are organizing a Trade Mission to South India and Sri Lanka from February 3–9, 2013. The purpose of the mission is to introduce U.S. firms to South India’s and Sri Lanka’s rapidly expanding markets for infrastructure, hospitality, healthcare, and environmental and information technologies.

The mission will tour three cities, Chennai, Cochin (Kochi) and Colombo, where participants will receive market briefings and participate in customized meetings with key officials and potential partners. Trade mission participants will also have the option to participate in additional stops in Bangalore and Hyderabad (both in south India), where CS offices can arrange meetings with private sector developers/partners and state/local government officials.

The mission will help participating firms gain market insights, make industry contacts, solidify business strategies, and advance specific projects, with the goal of increasing U.S. exports of services to India and Sri Lanka. The mission will include one-on-one business appointments with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors and joint venture partners; meetings with state and local government officials and industry leaders; and networking events. Participating in a CS-organized trade mission delegation, rather than traveling to India and Sri Lanka on their own, will enhance the companies’ ability to secure meetings in both countries.