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Ms. Cohen has provided environmental advice with respect to thousands of business transactions; advising clients on structuring transactions to minimize environmental liabilities, negotiating strategies, and in preparing relevant provisions in transaction documents in connection with acquisitions, divestitures, and financings. She has participated in supervising environmental consultants throughout North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Ms. Cohen is consistently recognized by Chambers USA, the International Who’s Who of Environmental Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America as a leading environmental lawyer. In the most recent edition of Chambers USA, Ms. Cohen was noted for her “high-quality work” and ability to “break down complex legal issues so executives can understand and appreciate the risks.” Prior editions have described her as a “real subject matter expert” who is “very client-oriented and very commercial.” Clients have described Ms. Cohen as “an intelligent, hard-working and responsive attorney” who has “an incredible ability to work well with all parties to get good results.” She has also been chosen as one of the leading practitioners of Environmental Law by Women in Business Law. She was profiled as a Woman to Watch by Diversity Journal in 2015 and was selected as a role model on the Heroes list for 2019 supported by Yahoo Finance.

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