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Via FEDEX

Yuval Kaplinsky Department of International Affairs Ministry of Justice Machal St. 7 (Beit Ma'atz) Ma'a lot Dafna, Jerusalem 67765, Israel

Attn: Nina Hacohen Mansur

Re: Request from Israel for Assistance in the Matter of Bank Leumi

Dear Mr. Kaplinsky:

In partial execution of the request for assistance in the above-referenced matter, enclosed please find a CD containing documents produced by the Department of Justice's Tax Division containing records gathered during the U.S. investigation of the Bank Leumi Group. The CD is password protected. A password will be sent separately by email. Please be advised that our office is not retaining a copy of the enclosed records.

The attorneys in the Tax Division that executed this request, Ellen Quattrucci and Christopher Strauss, provided the documents for all the categories requested by Israel except for sample of bank checks provided by the bank to American clients. The Tax Division provided some testimony and interview statements about this practice but no physical checks. The Tax Division has not been able to locate them in the database. Please note that the grand jury transcripts should not be disseminated beyond the Israeli prosecutors and can used only for the criminal investigation. One of the witnesses, Yvonne Le, was given immunity and the U.S. Court conditioned providing the transcript of her testimony to Israel on honoring that immunity. With regard to the questions, the Tax Division did not provide written answers based on the belief that it would be preferable to handle this in person or by telephone. Both Ms. Quattrucci and Mr. Strauss will be available for consultations.

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United States and Israel, entered into force May 25, 1999, authorization of the use of this material is limited to the purposes for which assistance has been requested and granted. Should you anticipate the need to use the materials for any other purpose (<u>i.e.</u>, a use not stated in the request for assistance and/or not approved in the grant of assistance), please consult this office to ascertain whether authorization or approval can be secured.

Please confirm by email to Hannah Hindel at Hannah.Hindel@usdoj.gov that you have received the attached evidence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-353-7540, or by email at Richard.Preston@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

By:

Richard K. Preston

Trial Attorney

Enclosure