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Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity Announces David Talbot as First Executive Director

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity (IPPP) today announced the appointment of David Talbot as its first Executive Director. Talbot, a former director of geo-economics at the Milken Institute, will drive the Partnership’s efforts to mobilize engagement and investment from the private and non-profit sectors to strengthen Indo-Pacific supply chains, promote sustainability, and expand fair economic opportunities in the fourteen Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Partner economies.

Talbot joins the Partnership at an essential moment in its development. Following a recent launch event with Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, the IPPP will support the inaugural IPEF Clean Economy Investor Forum on June 5-6, 2024, in Singapore. The Forum will bring together public and private sector leaders from across the Indo-Pacific region to catalyze investment for sustainable infrastructure and climate technology.

“We are thrilled to welcome David as the first Executive Director of the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity,” said Joe Bae, IPPP Co-Chair and Co-CEO of KKR. “With experience in the public and private sectors, David is a proven leader with the significant relationships, substantial expertise, and strategic vision required to build the Partnership and advance our mission to mobilize investment across the Indo-Pacific.”

Natarajan Chandrasekaran, IPPP Co-Chair and Chairman of the Board of Tata Sons, said, “David’s experience in the region and track record on the pivotal issues addressed by IPEF make him the perfect first Executive Director for our Partnership. I look forward to working with him in advance of this summer’s Clean Economy Investor Forum in Singapore and am confident that, with David at the lead, we will continue to make comprehensive progress in fostering shared economic growth in the Indo-Pacific.”

“I am honored and excited to become the first Executive Director of the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity,” said Talbot. “I look forward to working with an unparalleled steering committee

comprised of leading executives from across the Indo-Pacific and thank them for entrusting me with this role. This Partnership will lead transformational progress on strengthening critical supply chains, accelerating the clean energy transition, and bolstering workforce development. I look forward to working as a team with the steering committee to meet these targeted goals.”

About David Talbot

David Talbot is the Executive Director of the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity. Talbot was previously a director at the Milken Institute, where he co-launched a geo-economics program focused on supply chain resilience, critical and emerging technologies, and the energy transition. He served in the Obama administration as a policy advisor for international economics to Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, playing a central role in designing her commercial diplomacy strategy and developing signature initiatives to strengthen US economic relations with India, ASEAN, and Canada and Mexico. Talbot is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Yale University, earned his master’s degree from the University of Oxford, and received his doctorate in international political economy from the University of Cambridge. His articles have appeared in numerous outlets including Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Lawfare, and the Los Angeles Review of Books.

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About the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity

The Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity is a collaboration of public, private, and non-profit leaders serving to Improve understanding of and catalyze growth and progress in critical supply chains; support IPEF Partners economies' energy transitions and clean economy goals by bolstering climate technology supply chains and expanding availability and reliability of clean energy sources; and bolster workforce development and upskilling initiatives across IPEF Partners to strengthen the skilled workforce.

The Partnership boasts an impressive and diverse group of private and non-profit leaders as part of its steering committee. Joseph Bae (Co-CEO, KKR) and Natarajan Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata) serve as co-chairs of the steering committee. Other members include Afsaneh Beschloss (CEO, RockCreek); Ray Chambers (Ambassador, World Health Organization); Ambassador Michael Froman (President, Council on Foreign Relations); Matt Harris (Founding Partner, Global Infrastructure Partners); Amy Hepburn (CEO, Investors Leadership Network); Merit Janow (Independent Board Chair, Mastercard and Professor, Columbia University); Charles Kaye (CEO, Warburg Pincus); James Kondo (Chairman, International House of Japan); Dr. Rajiv Shah (President, Rockefeller Foundation); Anthony Tan (CEO, Grab); and Jaime Zobel (Chairman, Ayala Corporation)