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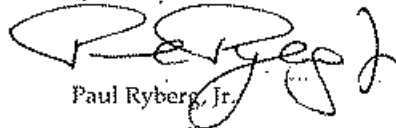
The Secretary of the Senate  
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232 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Re: Report Pursuant to Lobbying Disclosure Act  
Senate No. 31474-51; House No. 31151003

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find our mid-year 2000 lobbying report pursuant to Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act with respect to activities on behalf of the African Coalition for Trade, Inc.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryberg, Jr.

Enclosure

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# LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

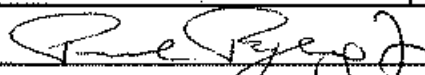
1. Registrant Name Pierson, Semmes and Bemis L.L.P.			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1054 Thirty-First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: N/A State/Zip (or Country):			
4. Contact Name Paul Ryberg, Jr., Partner	Telephone (202) 333-4000	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID # 31474-51
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self African Coalition for Trade, Inc.			6. House ID # 31151003

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  -> Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> =&gt; \$ _____  <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> =&gt; \$ _____  <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature: 

Printed Name and Title: Paul Ryberg, Jr., Partner

**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip (or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

22. New general description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that no longer pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

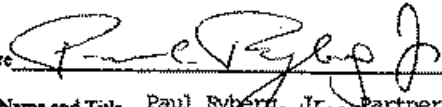
26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
See attached insert.				

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature  Date 7-10-80

Printed Name and Title Paul Ryberg, Jr., Partner

Registrant Name Pierson Semmes and Bemis Client Name African Coalition for Trade, Inc.

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code TDR (one per page)


16. Specific lobbying issues  
Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 434  
Renewal of GSP

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
United States House of Representatives  
United States Senate  
United States Trade Representative's Office

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Paul Ryberg, Jr. Partner</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None  
N/A

Signature  Date 7-10-00  
Printed Name and Title Paul Ryberg, Jr., Partner

Answer to Item No. 27, Foreign Entities

The African Coalition for Trade, Inc. (ACT) is a member supported, non-profit trade association dedicated to enhancing the opportunities for mutually beneficial trade and investment between the United States and the countries of Sub-Saharan African (SSA). Most of the members of ACT are private sector chambers of commerce, trade associations or companies located in SSA. Through their membership dues, these members contribute to financing ACT's activities, including its lobbying activities within the meaning of the Lobbying Act. In addition, as members, these foreign organizations influence the policies and activities to be pursued by ACT. These foreign organizations, however, neither individually nor collectively, "plan, supervise, control or direct" ACT's activities. Rather, these functions are performed by the Board of Directors and officers of ACT. A list of the members of ACT that are located in SSA can be provided if this information is necessary.