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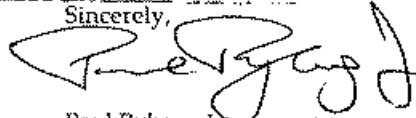
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Re: Report Pursuant to Lobbying Disclosure Act
Senate No. 31474-36; House No. 31151000

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find our year-end 1999 lobbying report pursuant to Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act with respect to activities on behalf of the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate and Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture.

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.	Telephone Partner	E-mail (optional) (202) 333-4000	5. Senate ID # 31474-36
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Mauritius Sugar Syndicate and Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture			6. House ID # 3115100

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>20,000</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, 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>13. Organizations</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"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. 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)(8) 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

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Registrant Name Pierson Semmes and Bemis Client Name Mauritius Sugar Syndicate and Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture

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 AGE (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

1. Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 434, S. 666.
2. Renewal of the GSP Program.
3. Mexico's request to the Administration for increased access to U.S. Sugar market under NAFTA.
4. Proposed amendments to the FY 2000 Agricultural Appropriations that would affect the U.S. sugar program.
5. Classification of molasses syrup under the U.S. tariff rate quota.
6. Administration of the U.S. tariff rate quota on sugar.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

United States House of Representatives.
 United States Senate.
 United States Departments of Agriculture, Treasury (Customs Service), State, Commerce.
 United States Trade Representative's Office.
 Executive Office of the President.

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Paul Ryberg, Jr., Partner	N/A	<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

Access to the U.S. sugar market by the sugar industry of Mauritius.

Signature  Date 1-4-00

Printed Name and Title Paul Ryberg, Jr. Partner