**Unknown Male Speaker -** Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome back to the stage Amos Hochstein, Deputy Assistant and Senior Advisor to the President for Energy and Investment.

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Unknown Male Speaker - Okay good afternoon uh for nearly 90 years EXIM has played a critical role in fostering Economic Opportunity for us companies and workers to underscore our mission of supporting American jobs through exports each year we recognize deals and companies that have exceptional impact I am proud to announce that the recipient of the 2023 make more in America deal of the year goes toAquaTech. EXIM has awarded this to AquaTech in recognition of an export related transaction that was authorized as a result of EXIM's Flagship initiative make more in America or MMIA and the impact it has for us exporters looking to expand their domestic manufacturing capabilities make more in America is a direct result of President Biden's executive order 14017 on securing America Supply chains which specifically charges EXIM with developing a tool designed to leverage the bank's financing capabilities to excuse me to Spur domestic manufacturing, congratulations.

The Honorable Reta Jo Lewis, President and Chair, EXIM Board of Directors - I am so honored to introduce a great partner and collaborator Amos Hawkin Deputy assistant to the president of the United States of America and our great collaborator on all things PGI as well as all things economic and commercial from the White House thank you Amos please joinus.

Amos Hochstein, Deputy Assistant and Senior Advisor to the President for Energy and Investment, The White House -So, hello again thank I want to thank chair Lewis uh Sun Africa getting the this award is really the embodiment of what uh President Biden and this Administration have wanted to do it's this it's really the example of being able to work uh with our partners in Angola to create a project and fund a project an American made project for renewable energy across the country multiple projects to bring not only more electricity connect connectivity to people but making sure that we can start working on a Greener future cleaner future that promotes energy transition justice meaning that it is more equally as we talked about before more equally spread around the world and the team at Sun Africa has been tenacious they have done enormous amount of work and the team at EXIM has done extraordinary work to do this as a fast acting and aggressive work to make this a reality and I know the president has personally followed this project from day one until it was in uh from its inception until its completion and I know on his behalf I can tell you he is very proud that this is what the United States of America can do when we put our minds to it working the private sector with the government to do better and do good thank you and congratulations to Sun Africa.

**Unknown Female Speaker -** Good afternoon I am proud to announce the partnership for Global infrastructure and investment deal of the Year award goes to the acro Bridge Project to the following recipients the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Angola Acro bridge and Standard CharteredBank. Um the acro Bridge Project supports efforts in Angola to modernize Road and transportation infrastructure EXIM financing supports across sourcing of component materials and production equipment ensuring more manufacturing and Associated jobs in the in the US uh will go to projects in the US the project will see the engineering procurement and construction of 186 Bridges roads and Associated infrastructure throughout Angola winning the award alongside Acro is Standard Chartered bank and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Angola who will be represented by the Ambassador extraordinary and plenty potential of Angola to the US his Excellency Austino Van Dunam in and will also be receiving this year's PGI deal of the ward for thisproject and for our last award I am proud to announce the deal of a year award goes to the sun Africa project to the following recipients the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Angola and Sun Africa OMATAPALO and ING capitalLLC. Located in Miami Florida Sun Africa is a solar project developer that delivers competitive sustainable Renewable Energy Solutions with numerous projects in the works Sun Africa is at the center of Africa's push to meet growing energy needs sustainably this \$907 million transaction with the ministry of energy and water of the Republic of Angola will support the construction of two photovoltaic solar energy power plants in Angola the project will generate over 500 megawatts of Renewable Power provide access to clean energy resources across Angola help Angola meet its climate commitments and support exports of us solar panel mounting systems connectors switches sensors and other equipment the transaction is estimated to support over, 1600 us jobs uh winning the award along alongside Sun Africa is the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Angola who will be represented Again by Ambassador extraordinary and plenty potential um his Excellency Austino VanDunam um Angola based Amar Pao and in capital LLC please join me in congratulating our deal of the Year Awardwinners. Please welcome to the podium Jonathan Fantini Porterexecutive director and CEO partnership for Central America.

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Jonathan Fantini Porter - Well thank you thank you for that introduction and uh and a sincere thank you to the Export Import Bank to chair Lewis for the invitation and I think most importantly to each of you for being here today for what is really I think an example of the opportunity that can be built when you bring together organizations across the public private uh public private and social sectors to explore opportunities in regions across the world and support our shared objectives so a great thanks to you and a sincere thanks again to the Export Import Bank. Latin America I'll spend a second or two here talking about this region you know we hear a lot about Latin America in the

news and here and elsewhere we don't always hear about the full opportunities that exist this region as you know is inextricably connected to the United States and our shared objectives it's among the fastest growing regions in the world direct supply chain connectivity to the United States a cultural connection skilled population mature financial sector low debt to GDP ratios uh globally in many of these countries in the region it's a shovel ready region and I think most importantly as we see supply chain shifting we're seeing significant movement toward this region that's creating a unique and I'll say brief window for foreign investment and so that's where the partnership for Central America comes in we were launched with vice president Harris the White House the state department the US government along with 100 private sector Partners to address the economic roots of in this case migration as we think about Central America and Latin America we bring a collective P3 effort that brings together Partners to tackle specific challenges social and economic and support investors like yourself to enter and succeed in this region with partners most importantly like the Export Import Bank. In the last 18 months we've mobilized \$4.2 billion we've deployed 500 million all toward the objective where we believe a stronger Latin and Central America supports integrated Supply chains across the Americas reduces the poverty that drives migration and creates a double win for investors and those beneficiaries on the ground as I turn now to introduce two esteemed colleagues first baseball Legend Mariano Rivera, who's been a dear friend of our efforts in this region in Latin America and personally his own investment of time and sweat into social causes across Central America across Latin America and so for that we are tremendously grateful as well as Benedetta Audia AIA Benedetta Audia with DA has driven much of the execution as we think about how we drive ideas into reality I'll introduce these two colleagues and as I do I hope we can find ways working with the bank working with you to support us investors and businesses interested in making investments in this Frontier and Emerging Market we are here to help you we are here to support your efforts and interest in investing in Latin America and Central America and as you are exploring opportunities in this region please know that you have a friend with a large mandate to support your investments in Latin America and Central America so please reach out thank you very much for your time thank you very much for being here today and look forward to this conversation.