

**Remarks for Deputy Chief of Mission
Sandra Clark
December 18, 2013
Signing Ceremony for Touba Water Treatment Plant
Hotel King Fahd**

(As prepared)

Mr. Minister of Finance
Mr. Minister of Water Resources,
Mr. Director of ONAS
Mr. the Representative of the Khalife of Touba, Serigne Djili Fattah Mbacke
M. the Representative of the Rural Community of Touba
President of Cardinal Resources,
Members of the press,
Distinguished guests.

I am pleased to be here today to say just a few words in support of the agreement between the government of Senegal and U.S. company Cardinal Resources for the \$4 million solar-powered wastewater treatment project in Touba.

It is a goal of this government's, and of President Sall's, to build private sector investment as a driver to boost to Senegal's economic growth. As one of Senegal's strongest and longest partners, we not only support this goal, but we make efforts to attract American investors to Senegal knowing that it can be a win-win for us both.

This collaboration actually started in 2007 when we provided what we call "Gold Key service" as part of a Pennsylvania state trade mission. As part of the service, we helped link Cardinal Resources with potential Senegalese partners. It is such an honor for me as the Embassy's new Deputy Chief of Mission who has focused her career on economic and trade issues, to be here several years later to witness the signing of this important agreement and to know that our Embassy played a role in making it happen.

To Cardinal Resources, thank you for inviting us to this important event and for your interest in investing in Senegal. Thank you, Mr. Minister, for your government's interest in welcoming U.S. business. We certainly hope that more agreements like this will come to bear fruit in the near future. Your government is working hard to foster a healthier business climate, and we could not agree more. Here is to a positive and prosperous new year for both of our nations.

Thank you, and good luck.