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Ms. Alemayehou is a Managing Director at Black Rhino Group, a Blackstone portfolio company. Ms. Alemayehou also serves as an Executive Advisor and Chair of Blackstone Africa Infrastructure LP, one of the world's leading investment firms.

Prior to joining Blackstone and Black Rhino, Ms. Alemayehou was the Executive Vice President of The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the development finance agency of the U.S. government, which provides loans, guarantees, and insurance to catalyze foreign direct investment and private equity into emerging markets. Ms. Alemayehou was appointed to the post by President Obama and confirmed unanimously by the full Senate.

During Ms. Alemayehou's tenure from 2010 to 2014, OPIC's portfolio grew by more than 24 percent to \$18 billion. Her leadership was instrumental in tripling the corporation's Africa portfolio to nearly \$4 billion. Ms. Alemayehou was one of the architects of President Obama's Power Africa initiative to increase energy access across the African continent.

Previously, Ms. Alemayehou served as the United States Executive Director on the board of the African Development Bank (AfDB). As the senior Treasury official in Africa, Ms. Alemayehou represented the U.S. on Treasury and development issues and was instrumental in pushing the AfDB to increase its lending to the private sector in support of infrastructure projects. She received a Distinguished Honor Award for her outstanding service from then-U.S. Secretary of Treasury Henry Paulsen.

Prior to AfDB, Ms. Alemayehou was Founder and Managing Partner of Trade Links, LLC, a development consulting firm. Ms. Alemayehou also managed a multi-country trade project in Africa for the International Executive Service Corps, and was Director of International Regulatory Affairs for WorldSpace Corporation, a satellite telecommunications company. She started her career in the U.S. Congress, working for U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry of Texas.

Ms. Alemayehou holds a Masters degree in International Business and International Law and Development from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Ms. Alemayehou was born in Ethiopia and spent her early years in Kenya before emigrating to the United States and becoming a naturalized citizen. Ms. Alemayehou has received many awards from several organizations for her leadership and for advocating private sector investment in Africa. Ms. Alemayehou currently serves on the United States Secretary of State John Kerry's Advisory Committee on Public Private Partnership.

