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Mr. Thomas Bruns is the Regional Senior Commercial Officer covering the UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Kuwait. He has 26 years of professional experience in the private and public sectors managing organizations and leading people. He has spent most of his career outside the U.S. in multi-cultural and multi-lingual environments. He most recently served as the Deputy Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Mr. Bruns has worked for the U.S. Commerce Department in Turkey, Bulgaria, and Washington D.C., advancing U.S. company interests through trade promotion and policy activities. Working alongside Commerce and Interagency colleagues, he has received many awards for his contributions.

Prior to joining the U.S. Commerce Department, Mr. Bruns worked as a Regional Sales Executive in the construction tools industry in France with the Hilti Corporation. He had P&L and management responsibility for 20 Hilti stores, and led negotiations for multiple worldwide pricing contracts.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Bruns worked in the international development sector as a Peace Corps Volunteer, Associate Peace Corps Director, and independent consultant working for UNESCO and USAID projects. Mr. Bruns started his career in sales and marketing in the automotive sector, working for the Groupe PSA (Citroen) in Paris.

Mr. Bruns earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia, and received an MBA with distinction, the top academic rating, from Thunderbird, the School of International Management. He is bilingual in French and English, and has studied Bulgarian, Russian, and Turkish.

Mr. Bruns is married and has two girls, 6 and 8 years old. As a native Washingtonian, he is an avid supporter of his local teams, the Capitals, Wizards, and Redskins. During his leisure time, Mr. Bruns enjoys playing tennis and golf, going to the theater, and watching documentary films.