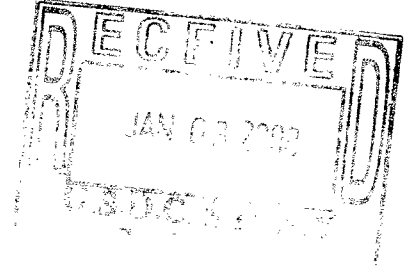


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GRAMERCY ARGENTINA OPPORTUNITY FUND,
LTD. and GRAMERCY EMERGING MARKETS
FUND,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA,

Defendant.
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COMPLAINT

Gramercy Argentina Opportunity Fund, Ltd. (“GAOF”) and Gramercy Emerging Markets Fund (“GEMF”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), by their attorneys, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, for their Complaint allege as follows:

Nature of Action

1. This is an action for breach of contract seeking over 14 billion Italian Lire (approximately \$3.2 million) in principal, plus interest, owed under certain notes issued by defendant the Republic of Argentina (the “Republic”). The case is simple: (i) Plaintiffs are the beneficial owners of the notes; (ii) the Republic has failed to make any payments of principal or

interest on those notes; (iii) this failure constitutes a default under the governing instruments; and (iv) Plaintiffs sent letters declaring the entire principal, together with all unpaid accrued interest, immediately due and payable by reason of the default. Indeed, this Court has repeatedly entered judgment against the Republic for defaulting on notes held by other beneficial owners in circumstances identical to those here. *See, e.g., Franceschi v. Republic of Argentina*, No. 03 Civ. 4693, 2006 WL 2528460 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 31, 2006); *Lightwater Corp. Ltd. v. Republic of Argentina*, No. 02 Civ. 3804, 2003 WL 1878420 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 14, 2003). Judgment should be similarly entered against the Republic and in favor of Plaintiffs in this case.

The Parties

2. Plaintiff GAOF is a limited company organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with a principal place of business in the Cayman Islands.

3. Plaintiff GEMF is a limited company organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands with a principal place of business in the Cayman Islands.

4. Defendant the Republic is a foreign state as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1603(a).

Jurisdiction

5. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1330.

6. Venue is proper in this district by consent of the defendant and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(f).

The EMTN Notes

7. GAOF is the beneficial owner of certain notes (the “GAOF EMTN Notes”), all issued by the Republic pursuant to the Trust Deed dated as of July 27, 1993 (the “Trust Deed”), the Terms and Conditions of the Notes dated as of July 27, 1993 (the “Terms”), and the Pricing Supplement dated December 18, 1996, as part of the Republic’s then

U.S.\$11,000,000,000 Euro Medium-Term Note Programme (the “EMTN Programme”), in the following amount and having the following identification code, maturity date, and interest rate:

Plaintiff	Bond Description	Principal Amount	ISIN	Common Code	Maturity Date	Coupon
GAOF	EMTN Notes	ITL9,325,000,000	XS0071898349	7189834	January 3, 2007	10%

8. GEMF is the beneficial owner of certain notes (the “GEMF EMTN Notes,” collectively with the GAOF EMTN Notes, the “EMTN Notes”), all issued by the Republic pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Terms, and the Pricing Supplement dated December 18, 1996, as part of the Republic’s EMTN Programme, in the following amount and having the following identification code, maturity date, and interest rate:

Plaintiff	Bond Description	Principal Amount	ISIN	Common Code	Maturity Date	Coupon
GEMF	EMTN Notes	ITL5,145,000,000	XS0071898349	7189834	January 3, 2007	10%

9. Section 10 of the Terms defines “Events of Default” to include the following, *inter alia*:

- (a) *Non-Payment*: the Republic fails to pay any principal (or Amortised Face Amount) of any of the Notes when due and payable or fails to pay any interest on any of the Notes when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 30 days.

(Terms at p. 46.)

10. The Republic has failed to pay interest on the EMTN Notes since 2001 and has never made any payments of principal on the EMTN Notes, even though the maturity date of January 3, 2007 has passed.

11. By reason of the foregoing, there has been an Event of Default on the EMTN Notes, and the Republic is in breach of its obligations to GAOF and GEMF. This default is continuing.

12. By notice dated May 29, 2007, The Bank of New York, the trustee with respect to the EMTN Notes, advised that such notes had been “declared immediately due and payable by the [t]rustee or its predecessors.” The Bank of New York also advised, however, that it “does not intend to take any action against the Republic to enforce the terms of the Trust Deed, the [EMTN] Notes and the Coupons” even though “[t]he Republic has shown no intention of honouring the demands for payment made by the [t]rustee and its predecessors. . . .”

13. By letters to The Bank of New York, as the trustee with respect to the Notes, dated January 3, 2008, GAOF and GEMF declared the principal of the EMTN Notes to be due and payable immediately, and any applicable interest to be immediately payable as well, and demanded that The Bank of New York commence proceedings against the Republic.

14. Upon information and belief, the Bank of New York has not commenced proceedings against the Republic.

15. Pursuant to sections 17.2-17.4 of the Trust Deed, the Republic (i) appointed Banco de la Nacion Argentina as its agent for service of process, (ii) agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of this Court, and (iii) agreed to waive any claim of immunity, including, but not limited to, sovereign immunity.

16. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations to GAOF and GEMF and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

COUNT ONE
Default On The GAOF EMTN Notes

17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-16 as if set forth here at length.

18. As set forth above, GAOF acquired notes with the principal amount of ITL9,325,000,000, identified by ISIN XS0071898349 and Common Code 7189834, and with a maturity date of January 3, 2007, and continues to own those notes.

19. As set forth above, the Republic has failed to make payments of interest on the GAOF EMTN Notes since 2001 and has never made payments of principal on the GAOF EMTN Notes.

20. As set forth above, there has been an Event of Default on the GAOF EMTN Notes, and the Republic is in breach of its obligations under the Trust Deed and the Terms.

21. As set forth above, by letter January 3, 2008, GAOF notified the Trustee that it was declaring the principal and interest on the GAOF EMTN Notes to be due and payable immediately.

22. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

COUNT TWO
Default On The GEMF EMTN Notes

23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-16 as if set forth here at length.

24. As set forth above, GEMF acquired notes with the principal amount of ITL5,145,000,000, identified by ISIN XS0071898349 and Common Code 7189834, and with a maturity date of January 3, 2007, and continues to own those notes.

25. As set forth above, the Republic has failed to make payments of interest on the GEMF EMTN Notes since 2001 and has never made payments of principal on the GEMF EMTN Notes.

26. As set forth above, there has been an Event of Default on the GEMF EMTN Notes, and the Republic is in breach of its obligations under the Trust Deed and the Terms.

27. As set forth above, by letter January 3, 2008, GEMF notified the Trustee that it was declaring the principal and interest on the GAOF EMTN Notes to be due and payable immediately.

28. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment as follows:

- i. On Count One, awarding GAOF damages against the Republic in an amount to be determined, plus interest;
- ii. On Count Two, awarding GEMF damages against the Republic in an amount to be determined, plus interest;

- iii. Awarding Plaintiffs costs, prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees and such other and additional relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
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