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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration ☐

1. Effective Date of Registration 04/01/2006

2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name The Baptista Group, LLC

Address 2015 Lorraine Avenue

City McLean State VA Zip 22101 USA

4. Principal place of business (if different than line 3)

City State Zip

5. Telephone number and contact name

202-257-4178 Contact Mr. Samuel J. Baptista E-mail sam@sbaptista.com

6. General description of registrant's business or activities

Private consulting firm

CLIENT

A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10. ☐ *Self*

7. Client name The Optimal Group Inc.

Address 2 Place Alexis-Nihon, 3500 Maisonneuve Blvd, W., Suite 1700

City Montreal, Quebec State Zip H3Z3C1 CAN

8. Principal place of business (if different than line 7)

City State Zip

9. General description of client's business or activities

Payment and Services Company

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person lis section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first a lobbyist for the client, *state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.*

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Samuel J. Baptista	

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LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page

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12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Internet Gambling - H.R. 4411 and H.R. 4777

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than $10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semiannual period **and** in whole or in major part plans supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

☒ No ⇨ Go to line 14. ☐ Yes ⇨ Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching th criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal place of Business (city and state or country)

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13: **or**

b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes acti the client or any organization identified on line 13; **or**

c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of lobbying activity?

☒ No ⇨ Sign and date the registration. ☐ Yes ⇨ Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then sign and date t registration.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ov per ir

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Date 4/5/2006

Printed Name and Title Laurie B. Gravatt, Director of Legislative Affairs