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BEITEN BURKHARDT Kyiv, Ukraine

BEITEN BURKHARDT is an independent commercial law firm. We have attorneys and tax advisers working in six countries in Europe and Asia, which makes us an international law firm with European traditions.

BEITEN BURKHARDT has 13 offices in total, all of which comprise our closely integrated system. Five of our offices are located in major business and financial centers in Germany, such as Berlin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt am Main, Munich, and Nuremberg. Our other eight offices are located in Beijing, Brussels, Hong Kong, Kyiv, Shanghai, Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Warsaw.

Our Brussels office specializes primarily in European Union law, while our office in Warsaw serves the interests of international and German investors in Poland. Since 1992, we have been successfully working in the Russian Federation where we have two offices, in Moscow and St. Petersburg. We are also the only German law firm present in all three major business centers in China – Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong.

In May 2004, the firm opened its first office in Ukraine. Immediately upon the official opening, the Kyiv office of **BEITEN BURKHARDT** became legal advisor in the country's major transactions.

In addition to having a number of its own offices, **BEITEN BURKHARDT** has built solid business relationships with many law firms throughout Europe, thus securing its presence in all major European business and financial centers.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL

BEITEN BURKHARDT provides a wide scope of legal services pertaining to issues of national and international law. Our main practice areas include foreign investments, corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, banking and finance, tax and labor law, competition law, intellectual property and information technology.

We have proven experience in various industry sectors including the automotive, banking, brewing, chemical, civil and mechanical engineering, electronics, healthcare and pharmaceutical, life sciences, media, metallurgy, publishing, retail, telecommunications, tourism, and sports industries.

BEITEN BURKHARDT and its professionals aspire to provide superior quality in all services rendered. Our clients come from different industries in various countries, with diverse cultural traditions and methods of conducting business. We approach each of our clients individually and serve their needs through internationally trained and locally experienced professionals. In our work, we rely primarily on European traditions, the professionalism of our team members, and the experience we have acquired in the international and local markets. The combination of these factors allows us to provide expert services to our clients, as well as to meet the European standards.

In view of numerous political, economic and social changes, which the countries of Eastern Europe continuously experience, the national legislations in these countries are undergoing vigorous development. However, at this stage, such new legislations are far from perfect. In such an environment, setting up a business and conducting efficient operations often requires the assistance of qualified attorneys and tax advisers.

Legal support for investment projects with foreign capital participation has become one of our major practice areas in the countries of Eastern Europe.

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OUR ACTIVITIES IN UKRAINE

As a proven pioneer in the CIS markets, **BEITEN BURKHARDT** established an office in Kyiv in 2004 as the first major German independent law firm in Ukraine. Assisting high-profile companies operating in the Ukrainian market, the firm renders a wide range of legal services pertaining to local and international legislation.

Since achieving its independence, Ukraine has undergone diverse political, economic and social reforms, resulting in vigorous development of the country's legislation. At this stage the Ukrainian legal system continues to develop at a rapid and unpredictable pace. Therefore, setting up a business and conducting efficient operations in Ukraine requires the assistance of qualified attorneys and tax advisers, all of whom possess a deep understanding of Ukraine's legal realities combined with a thorough knowledge of international legal tradition.

Immediately upon **BEITEN BURKHARDT**'s official opening in Ukraine, the firm became legal counsel in many of the country's most prominent transactions.

In September 2005, **BEITEN BURKHARDT** Kyiv doubled the number of its employees and moved to significantly larger premises in the city centre. The firm's subsequent relocation in January 2007 allowed it to increase its legal staff threefold, thereby testifying to the strength and advancement of the firm in the Ukrainian market.

Having obtained notable expertise and a full-scale grasp of our clients' expectations and mentality, **BEITEN BURKHARDT** Kyiv provides comprehensive legal counsel on issues involving international and Ukrainian law, advising leading local companies as well as renowned German and international companies from the financial, automotive, real estate, retail and pharmaceutical sectors.

The firm's primary areas of expertise include:

- Corporate and Commercial (including Mergers and Acquisitions)
- Real Estate
- Banking and Finance
- Tax, Customs and Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- IP/IT/Media

BEITEN BURKHARDT's Kyiv team unites lawyers from various backgrounds, all of whom are multilingual, have been educated abroad and are proven professionals in their chosen practice areas. Having highly experienced German, American and Ukrainian attorneys and state-of-the-art facilities, we offer competent and comprehensive legal services.

In view of **BEITEN BURKHARDT**'s impressive performance, in 2007 the firm's Kyiv office was recognized as "Foreign Law Firm of the Year" in Ukraine by the publishing house Yuridicheskaya Practika.

For more detailed information about **BEITEN BURKHARDT**, our offices and attorneys, please visit our website at: www.beitenburkhardt.com