



LINIYA PRAVA AND AVAKIAN, TUKTAROV & PARTNERS INTEGRATE

Merger of the law firms comes into effect on January 16, 2010

Liniya Prava and **Avakian, Tuktarov & Partners (ATP)** announce the merger. The combined team will work under the unified brand of Law Firm Liniya Prava.

Starting from January 16, 2010, law firms Liniya Prava and ATP will jointly continue delivering comprehensive legal advice under the management of 5 partners recognized in the market as experts in Russian legislation and time-honoured professionals with significant track-record of perfectly implemented projects inclusive of cross-border transactions.

The integration of the law firms involves the following strategic advantages:

1. Enhancement of the firms' traditional leading practice areas:

Capital markets – equity and debt offerings, regulatory compliance

Securitisation of hypothec loans and other financial assets

Project finance and financing of infrastructure projects

Litigation – representation of clients in corporate and financial disputes

Corporate law – corporate governance and corporate reorganization

Mergers and acquisitions – asset acquisition and disposition, equity purchases and sales, antitrust regulation

Industry sectors – energy, natural resources, real estate, telecomm and IT

2. In addition to enhancing the key practices of both firms the integration also expands the portfolio of legal products available to our clients, including syndicated and secured lending, derivatives and Islamic finance.

Andrey Novakovskiy, Managing Partner of Liniya Prava, comments:

«The integration of expert areas and experience of two successful law firms shall definitely result in establishing a significant and affluent legal adviser focused on commitment to its client's interests and needs in various business areas, as well as on overall improved performance. Broader expertise will enable us to provide the most efficient advice to our clients in financial markets».

Yury Tuktarov, Managing Partner of ATP, says:

«By merging we gather in the same team the best Russian experts in finance and corporate transactions and dispute resolutions. The team has wide capabilities to achieve maximum results for the client and render impeccable legal advice in the growing market».



About Liniya Prava

Liniya Prava Law Firm is a leading law firm recognized and honoured by domestic and international clients and professionals and specializing in capital markets, M&A, corporate law and litigation. In 2009 Liniya Prava has been awarded 'The Best Law Firm of Russia' (by the International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards 2009) and 'The Best Law Firm on Bond Market 2009' (by professional information agency 'Cbonds'). Liniya Prava enjoys recommendations of Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, Practical Law Company (PLC), International Financial Law Review (IFLR 1000), Expert RA, KommersantЪ, etc. for expertise in Debt and Equity Capital Markets, Securitization, Corporate and M&A and Energy. 2009-2007, Liniya Prava has advised in 173 share offerings and 210 bond issues both on local and foreign stock exchanges totalling approx. USD 40.3 billion. To learn more about Liniya Prava, please, visit <http://www.lp.ru/>.

About ATP

Avakian, Tuktarov and Partners (ATP) is a leading law firm in Russian finance markets. ATP has significant experience in structuring, negotiating and drafting finance and commercial documents in connection with secured and syndicated lending, bond issuance, business acquisition in banking, construction, leasing, investment, telecommunication, metallurgical, mining, transport and other industries. ATP's clients include Goldman Sachs, International Finance Corporation, Hungarian Export-Import Bank Pte Ltd., Hungarian Export Credit Insurance Pte Ltd. (MEHIB), Association of Regional Banks of Russia, GE Money Bank, Kolmar, IFC, Khanty-Mansiyskaya Leasing Company "Otkrytie" and other domestic and foreign companies. Information on experience and representative transactions of ATP's lawyers, please, find at <http://www.atpfinance.com/>.

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