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VIII CIS Local Counsel Forum

WHEN: 26-29 June, 2013

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 5 Alla Tarasova Street, Kyiv and Bristol Hotel, 15

Pushkinska Street, Odessa

www.rulg.com/cisforum/index2.asp

The 8th CIS Local Counsel Forum to be held on 26-28 June 2013 in Kiev at Hyatt Regency Hotel and on 28-29 June 2013 in Odessa at Bristol Hotel

The registration for the 8th CIS Forum to be held on 26-29 June 2013 in Kiev and Odessa is closing soon. We encourage you to register at http://rulg.com/cisforum and to reserve your hotel rooms in Kiev and Odessa, as well as to make your travel arrangements, as soon as possible. The registrations and the hotel reservations are processed on a "first-come first-serve" hasis



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We ensured for the Forum Delegates the best hotels in both cities at the best possible rates - elegant Hyatt Regency in Kiev and festive Bristol Hotel in Odessa, but the hotels are running out of rooms quickly, and we have no other hotel arrangements for those Delegates, who miss this opportunity. The special hotel reservation forms for our Delegates are at

The Forum is the main platform in the CIS economic region for wide-scale gathering of the leading business lawyers. It is held annually in the different cities of the region chosen by the Delegates. From the first Forum in Kiev in June 2006, the CIS Forum has evolved into an informal network of managing and senior partners of national law firms from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, bringing them together with partners from international law firms from around the world.

The Forum will start in Kiev on 26 June at 3 PM with the traditional CIS law firms meeting, followed by the Welcome Reception at the spectacular terrace overlooking the golden domes of Kiev. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the leading CIS law firm Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners - the long-term supporter and Host Firm of the CIS Forum in St. Petersburg in 2008 – which invites the Forum Delegates to celebrate this happy occasion at the Welcome Reception. We hope that all Delegates will join us in congratulating our friends from Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners with 20 years of right decisions and success!

On 27 June we will spend a full working day in Kiev followed by Gala Dinner. On 28 June we will spend a morning in Kiev and then will take a flight to Odessa. We will organize the Kiev-Odessa fight and all transfers. In Odessa, the official Forum Program is scheduled for 28-29 June, and on 30 June we will offer an optional half-day tour to a beautiful vineyard with lunch on location.

The Forum Program is posted at www.rulg.com/cisforum/forum_program.asp. This year the audience panel on globalization on 27 June will be held jointly with the leadership of IBA and ABA International. The Delegates will also have an opportunity to attend a separate event in the first half of the day on Wednesday, 26 June, devoted to US and international litigation (a separate announcement will be distributed to the registered Forum Delegates). The Forum is conducted in English and Russian with the simultaneous Russian-English translation.

Please make your travel arrangements to arrive in Kiev at anytime prior to the afternoon of 26 June, checking out from Hyatt Regency on 28 June to travel to Odessa. The transfer to Odessa will be organized, so your reservation with Bristol Hotel there should start on 28 June. We hope you will stay with us through 30 June (to catch the optional tour). Please note that we will not be making any arrangements for the return flights from Odessa to Kiev because there are several international non-stop flights available from Odessa to number European cities and to Moscow, as well as to Istanbul. There are also several daily flights back to Kiev. If you need assistance with the tickets, please contact Sofia Kotusenko at Travel Company Zagorye www.zagorye.ua, phone: +38-044-465-9389, email Sofia.k@zagorye.ua

If you need a visa to travel to Ukraine, the information is posted on the Forum Web site, and we will help you with the visa arrangements. Citizens of EU countries. USA, Canada and most CIS countries do not need a visa.

Last year we started a social initiative of the Forum supporting one of the leading ocean conservation organizations, the Sylvia Earle Alliance (SEA) / Mission Blue: http://mission-blue.org and had a special feature in honor of the World Oceans Day (8 June). We are very grateful to the Delegates who supported this cause, and we honored them by creating a special page on Forum's Web site, the Forum's Social Initiatives Hall of Fame: www.rulg.com/cisforum/hall_of_fame.asp. This year our

social initiative is the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine in Kiev and the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra, and we hope for your support of these wonderful musicians! 100% of your contributions will go directly to the Orchestras.

We look forward to seeing you in Kiev and Odessa!

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