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ENVIRONMENT LAW

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Environmental issues are paramount for every country. Consequently, all countries have introduced legal environmental requirements which all businesses must follow. This mainly includes permits, the lack of which can make it impossible to perform certain activities (environmental permits, state environmental expertise reports, and a number of other types of permits). Besides, depending on the type of activities and the environmental impact they create, bans and obligations aimed at mitigation of environmental risks are provided for businesses. Violation of bans and failure to perform obligations entail liability, which is often very severe and can lead to serious losses for businesses.

Violations of environmental requirements by companies generally result in legal proceedings. At the same time, circumstances relevant to each particular case may depend on various factors: type of activity and equipment used, equipment requirements, guidelines used to calculate environmental emissions, obtaining other data relevant to the case, etc.

In this regard, companies need to constantly ensure compliance with the environmental requirements applicable to their activities. In addition, companies need prompt and effective arrangement of their rights protection: identification of legal risks associated with environmental protection and their elimination or mitigation before state inspections; preparation for inspections for compliance with environmental legislation; effective protection of their rights during inspections and in the settlement of subsequent disputes, and the application of liability.

The important point is consideration of the environmental requirements when making transactions, for instance, when acquiring lands, enterprises, shares or interest in legal entities, subsoil use rights, as well as concluding agreements with contractors related to the works that affect the environment.

SERVICES



Advising on environmental protection laws



Due diligence during the acquisition of facilities (interests, enterprises, lands, etc.) to identify legal risks associated with violation of environmental requirements



Advising on the statutory requirements for state environmental monitoring



Due diligence of a company in order to prepare for an inspection within the state environmental monitoring



Advising on issues related to the liability for violations of environmental requirements



Assessing the chances of settlement of environmental disputes



Representing companies in the course of settlement of environmental disputes

EXPERIENCE

- Advice to a joint enterprise operating in the field of construction projects on the permitting requirements for the usage of grunt fillers in road construction;
- Legal support to a regional construction company with drafting and execution of the topsoil preservation agreements with corresponding community administrations in accordance with the requirements of Armenian legislation;
- Comprehensive legal support to a gold mining company by outlining the requirements for the environmental impact assessment studies stipulated by the relevant legislation;

- Providing legal advice to the Bank of America on damage during the environment pollution and the types of liabilities arising from this damage;
- Advising Total S.A. as to the implementation of employee share schemes in Azerbaijan;



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- Advising a European oil company on the acquisition of a participation interest under the Agreement "On the Exploration, Development and Production Sharing for the block including the Padar Area and the adjacent prospective structures in the Azerbaijan Republic". Conducting due diligence and preparing legal opinion, advising on financing, employment, environment, licenses/permits, antitrust, security, SOCAR consent, legal/practical risks, tax, foreign exchange, drafting documentation, writing formal requests, issuing legal memos and formal legal opinion etc.;
- Representation of the client's interests during inspections by authorised state bodies, appealing their decisions and actions, including on the issues of prosecution for violation of the legislation governing waste management and disposal;
- Environmental due diligence: verification and development of local documents (instructions for the management of production waste; orders on the appointment of officials (authorised) persons responsible for the management of production waste; documents confirming the accounting of production waste) analysis of the enterprise in order to identify risks associated with violations of legislation, including issues of emissions of pollutants into the environment;
- Advising the customer on acceptable land use regimes, including farming, in areas located in water protection and other nature conservation lands;
- Advising on the matters of the environmental law of the Republic of Kazakhstan within the due diligence for the Chinese company in relation to the potential Kimpersay Energy 300 MW wind farm project;
- Due diligence for Universal Energy on the matters of regulatory approvals of the Republic of Kazakhstan, PPA and land use rights in relation to the four wind power projects (50MW -100 MW) in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

EXPERIENCE

- Advising China Power International Holding Limited on the matters of land use rights, PPA, regulatory approvals for wind power stations of the Republic of Kazakhstan within the due diligence in relation to the potential Shokpar 100 MW wind farm project;
- Successful protection of the interests of a Kazakhstani company in court regarding payments for waste disposal in the environment;
- Due diligence of a cigarette manufacturing company's compliance with the legislation on industrial safety and environmental protection;
- Environmental due diligence: verification and development of local documents, analysis of the enterprise in order to identify risks associated with violations of legislation, including issues of emissions of pollutants into the environment;



- Protection of interests of a Moldovan company in courts on a case related to an environmental permit;
- Representation of the client's interests during inspections by authorised state bodies, appealing their decisions and actions;
- Advising the client on getting approval on the detailed environmental impact assessment report;
- Advising the client on getting toxic chemicals storage room permit for heavy mining equipment maintenance service provider;
- Advising the client on environmental obligations of the toxic chemicals user;
- Preparation of a legal opinion for an export grain terminal at the request of the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resources on voluntary compensation for damage caused to a water body;
- Legal consulting of a large industrial enterprise in the framework of due diligence on the risks associated with the possible impact of emissions;
- Legal analysis for a large agro-industrial holding with foreign capital on the issue of definitions of options for cutting field-protective forest plantations to implement the project for the creation of an irrigation system;
- Protecting client's interests in a dispute with the Federal Supervisory Natural Resources Management Service on additional penalties for negative environmental impact;
- Advising and renewal of permit documents for local juice producer on legislation of Turkmenistan in the field of environmental protection;
- Advising a leading Japanese natural resources company on obtaining licenses for geological exploration and mining, the process of obtaining the authorized body's statement on Environmental Impact Assessment;

EXPERIENCE

- Advising a leading French uranium company on subsoil, licensing, environmental protection, tax, commercial, corporate laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan in connection with establishment of a Joint Venture with the Government of Uzbekistan for exploration and development of uranium deposits;
- Advising a leading European NYSE-listed petroleum corporation on subsoil, environmental, health and safety, licensing in connection with a potential hydrocarbon exploration and development project with the State.

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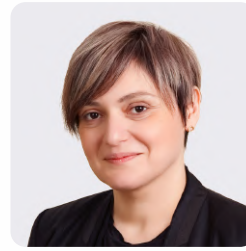
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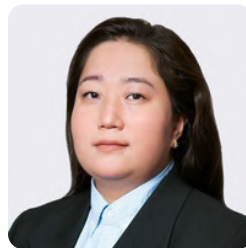
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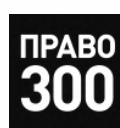

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