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RUSSIAN-GERMAN M&A AND TAX CONFERENCE - BERLIN, 14 OCTOBER 2009

Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie / Federation of German Industries, Breite Straße 29, 10178 Berlin

10:30 Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations
Prof. Dr. Dieter Birk, University of Münster

10:40 SESSION 1: TAXATION IN RUSSIA AND GERMANY

Part A: Introduction into Russia's Tax System

- *Taxes and Tax Revenue in Russia*
- *Tax Administration and Tax Court System/Tax Litigation*

Speaker: Roustam Vakhitov, Pepeliaev, Goltsblat & Partners, Moscow

10:55 Part B: Russian-German Tax Treaty

- *Russian-German Tax Treaty: Major Benefits & Jurisprudence*
- *Cross-Border-Recognition of Losses under the Russian-German Tax Treaty*

Speakers: Florenz Hundt, StB (Ministerialrat a.D.), Berlin
Roustam Vakhitov, Pepeliaev, Goltsblat & Partners, Moscow
Wolfgang Tischbirek, P+P Pöllath + Partners, Frankfurt

11:40 Coffee Break

12:00 Part C: Tax Compliance in Russia

Speaker: Roustam Vakhitov, Pepeliaev, Goltsblat & Partners, Moscow

12:30 Panel Discussion: Taxation and Tax Compliance in Russia and Germany

Speakers as above

Roland Franke, Federation of German Industries, Berlin

Moderated by Berthold Welling, Federation of German Industries, Berlin

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 SESSION 2: M&A-TRANSACTIONS IN RUSSIA AND GERMANY

Part A: Legal Framework for M&A-Transactions in Russia and Germany

- *Investment Possibilities/Transaction Procedures/Roles of Management*
- *Third Party Involvement and Legal Cross Border Restrictions*
- *Equity Restructuring/Debt Restructuring (Waiver of Debt/Acquisition of Debt/Debt Equity Swap)*

Speakers: Vladimir Sokov, Pepeliaev, Goltsblat & Partners, Moscow
Dr. Andrea von Drygalski/Jörg Maitzen, P+P Pöllath + Partners, Munich

15:15 Coffee Break

15:40 Part B: Tax Framework for M&A-Transactions in Russia and Germany

- *Basic Russian and German Tax Parameters*
- *M&A Tax Structuring*
- *Cross Border Aspects*

Speakers: Roustam Vakhitov, Pepeliaev, Goltsblat & Partners, Moscow
Dr. Michael Best, P+P Pöllath + Partners, Munich

16:40 Panel Discussion: Quo Vadis M&A

Speakers as above

Dr. Thomas Töben, P+P Pöllath + Partners, Berlin

Moderated by Dr. Andrea von Drygalski, P+P Pöllath + Partners, Munich

18:30 Evening Reception

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