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Gide Loyrette Nouel Russia

Building on more than 15 years of experience in the Russian Federation, Gide Loyrette Nouel (GLN) has developed unique expertise as legal and tax counsel to investors and international institutions in all areas of Russian and international business and financial law, especially as it applies to foreign investors. GLN opened its Moscow office in 1993 and its Saint Petersburg office in 2009. It currently has a staff of 55 people including more than 35 lawyers and legal consultants whose working languages include Russian, English, French, Spanish and German. All members of the team are equally capable of satisfying the expectations of their international clients while coping with the cultural and legal realities in Russia.

GLN Russia can assist clients anywhere in Russia, and in most of the former Soviet states with, where required, the assistance of a network of local legal agents with which it has established longstanding relationships.

The Firm has also created close working relationships with Russian government authorities, in particular the Ministry for Economic Development, the Ministry of Transport, the Finance Ministry, the Justice Ministry, the Federal Antimonopoly Service, the Russian Central Bank, and numerous local government authorities (in Moscow, the Moscow Region, Saint Petersburg, and Kaliningrad, to name but a few). It has on several occasions advised the State and Russian regional authorities in devising and implementing new laws and regulations.

Expertise and Core Practice Areas

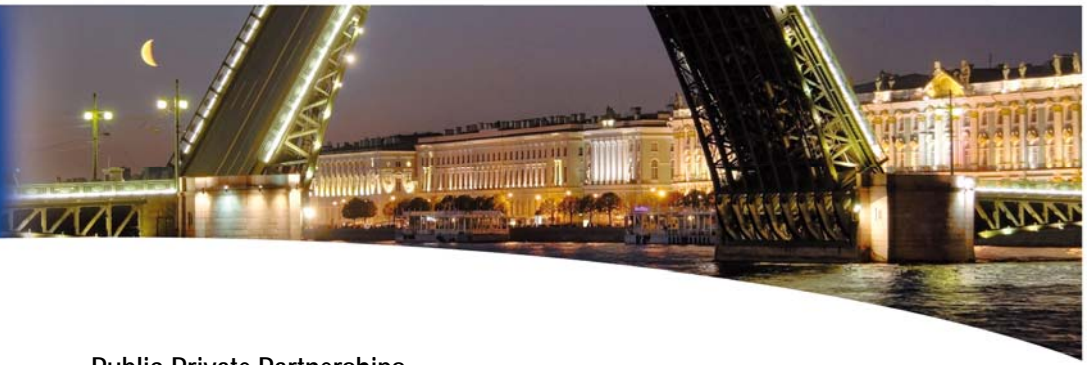
Corporate Law - Mergers & Acquisitions

GLN Russia routinely handles the incorporation of companies and set-up of representative offices, acquisitions, group restructuring and all other forms of transaction associated with corporate life (increases in capital, amendments to memoranda and articles of association, liquidation, etc.) in a variety of business sectors (industry, banking, insurance, distribution, etc.). The Firm can also handle all aspects of an acquisition in Russia, from target company due diligence to transaction closing, offering the relevant international resources for transaction structuring, should this prove necessary.

Banking and Project Finance

GLN Russia has longstanding experience in banking law (bank set-ups and ongoing banking business) and finance (structured finance, debt restructuring, export credit, securitisation and capital markets) that it applies in the service of banks, international institutions and Russian borrowers. The team includes Russian and English law specialists who work in close cooperation with the London Office. The Firm is regularly in receipt of recognition and awards from the international financial press for the transactions in which it has been involved.

Russia



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Public-Private Partnerships

GLN Russia is one of the leading law firms that advises both private companies and government authorities in the structuring and implementation of various forms of public-private partnership for the construction and operation of infrastructure (airports, roads, and car parks), municipal services (water, heating, and waste disposal) and energy (electricity).

Competition and Distribution Law

GLN Russia has longstanding experience in Russian competition law. It advised the Russian Anti-Monopoly Committee between 1996 and 1998 in devising and implementing competition legislation. Its specialists have solid expertise in distribution agreements and consumer law.

Real Estate and Construction Law

GLN Russia's skills and expertise extend to all areas of real estate law and construction. Its lawyers are regularly instructed to handle real property sales, leases and related financing.

Taxation, Exchange Control and Customs Law

GLN Russia's tax specialists advise clients on all areas of taxation connected with their businesses (VAT, corporate income tax, local taxes, and subsidiary profit distributions to parent companies, etc.). They are regularly instructed to advise clients on customs laws issues. An international legal team comprising tax specialists from the Paris, London and New York Offices is also on hand to assist GLN Russia in managing complex international tax matters.

Employment Law

GLN Russia's employment law team advises major international companies on their workforce organisation and management and on all aspects of their employment relationships.

Intellectual Property

GLN Russia advises and assists in all areas of intellectual property law, with particular expertise in trademark law and rights infringements.

Conferences and Publications

GLN Russia regularly publishes articles on business law in Russia, especially on the legal and tax rules governing investments, the new exchange control regulations, the legal framework for securitisation transactions and public-private partnerships, in the form of legal updates and newsletters or in various legal, financial, and economic publications. It publishes a monthly information brief on developments in taxation. Its lawyers regularly speak on these subjects at conferences organised in Russia and in Europe.

"Seen by market commentators as able to provide especially good service to French clients, this 'excellent' team offers 'a very high level of expertise and great local knowledge'."

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