



Press Release

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Magisters Advises on EUR 120 Million Waste Recycling Infrastructure Project in St. Petersburg, Russia

Magisters, a leading CIS-based law firm, has been chosen to provide full legal support in the course of implementation of a large-scale infrastructure project for the construction of a waste recycling plant near St. Petersburg, Russia.

Within the framework of the project, Magisters will advise TDF Ecotech AG, acting as a project applicant, as well as other affiliated companies of TDF group, during the course of preparations and conducting of the tender for the construction of a waste recycling plant in Yanino, Leningrad Region. The total cost of the project exceeds EUR 120 million.

Magisters' project team is led by Kirill Ratnikov, Moscow-based Partner, Head of Infrastructure & PPP (CIS). Moreover, Clemens Schlotter, Head of Magisters' German Desk, will also be actively engaged for consulting purposes on issues pertaining to international law.

Kirill Ratnikov comments: "I am very pleased to commence work on this project together with the Magisters' team. Legal support of such level requires outstanding qualification and in-depth knowledge not only of Russian, but also German, Austrian and Swiss law. We are proud we can independently support the most complicated PPP projects on highly professional level due to the firm's wide coverage across the CIS, unique experience and know-how in different areas, as well as the capabilities of the German Desk and our international team".

In addition to the legal support of the PPP project in St. Petersburg, Magisters will also advise TDF group on other major infrastructure projects in Belarus.

Kirill Ratnikov has unique experience in supporting numerous infrastructure projects in a variety of sectors, including waste incineration and recycling. He has been involved in a wide range of PPP projects in St. Petersburg, including construction of the Orlovskiy Tunnel, modernization of Pulkovo Airport, construction of the Moscow-St. Petersburg toll road and many others. Kirill Ratnikov is recommended in Tier 1 of the individual ranking of Chambers Europe in the area of



PPP in Russia. He is also recognised as a top Russian expert according to PLC Which Lawyer, European Legal Experts and Best Lawyers International.

Clemens Schlotter's experience includes full legal support of large-scale projects involving foreign investors. More specifically, Mr. Schlotter participated in a transaction related to the investment of a German state bank in the construction of a business center in Moscow, as well as the acquisition of a Russian mechanical engineering company by a major German enterprise. He has also represented the interests of foreign investors when setting-up and operating joint ventures with Russian partners.

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Magisters is a leading full-service international law firm advising major global and domestic organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), employing over 100 internationally trained and locally experienced lawyers in its Astana, Kyiv, London, Minsk and Moscow offices. The Firm is dedicated to providing superior client care and best in class legal services. It is the only law firm in the CIS to have attained the international *Investor in People* accreditation.

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