

Maria Oleinik and Richard Cowie bring added corporate, M&A and energy experience to Dentons

Moscow, August 4, 2015 – Dentons announced today that Maria Oleinik and Richard Cowie have joined its Corporate and M&A practice as partners in the Moscow office.

Maria Oleinik has joined from White & Case together with associates Victoria Gorbunova and Antonina Zhigalova. Richard Cowie has joined from Hogan Lovells.

Maria's corporate experience spans a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, mining and heavy industry sectors. She is qualified in Russia, the UK and the US and focuses on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, disposals, and financings. Maria has represented financial institutions, media companies and state corporations such as Independent Petroleum Company, EuroChem, Chelyabinsk Pipe-Rolling Plant, Russian Post and Stroytransgaz.

Richard's corporate experience includes energy, technology, media and telecom, FMCG, retail, financial institutions, real estate and construction. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and private equity. With over 12 years' experience in advising Russian and international companies and financial institutions in Russia his impressive client roster includes: Rostelecom, ProfMedia, Alfa-Access-Renova consortium (AAR), Elbrus Capital, Baring Vostok, and X5 Retail Group.

Tomasz Dabrowski, Dentons Europe Chief Executive Officer commented: "Maria and her team's and Richard's broad skill set will further strengthen and diversify our corporate practice in Russia and enhances the quality of services we can provide our clients in the region and globally."

Florian Schneider, Dentons' Moscow Office Managing Partner, noted: "We are very glad to have Maria and Richard join our team. They are both outstanding corporate lawyers with impressive experience. Their arrival will significantly expand and deepen our capabilities in M&A and energy and natural resources."

Maria Oleinik, Dentons Partner, added: "I am delighted to join Dentons at such an exciting time following its merger with US firm McKenna Long & Aldridge and the recent announcement of its combination with Chinese law firm 大成. I look forward to becoming a part of this growing and enthusiastic team."

Richard Cowie, Dentons Partner, added: "Dentons is one of the top and most dynamic law firms in Russia. I am really excited about being part of the continued development of its Corporate capabilities as well as helping build its local reputation."

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