## VEGAS LEX ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARTNERS

## Head of Technology and Investment group Alexandra Vasyukhnova and Head of Southern directorate Maxim Grigoryev have been elected new VEGAS LEX partners.

On June 3, 2016, VEGAS LEX Board of Partners elected Head of Technology and Investment group <u>Alexandra Vasyukhnova</u> and Head of Southern directorate <u>Maxim Grigoryev</u> as the law firm's new partners.

"Alexandra Vasyukhnova and I have been developing the intellectual property business line for more than ten years. We supported IP and TMT projects quite successfully," Managing Partner <u>Alexander Sitnikov</u> commented on the new appointments. "Respected Russian publishing houses and telecommunications companies, major Russian banks and investment funds, as well as fast-growing startups recognize the outstanding level of Alexandra and her team's competence in project implementation. Maxim Grigoryev has been with us for eight years, and never ceased to amaze VEGAS LEX management and clients with his enormous capacity for work. He has a gift to infect everyone around with his positive life energy. Maxim confirms its high level of professionalism daily, performing tasks of varying complexity. Foreign investors and leading Russian companies trust him with their key projects. I congratulate my colleagues with the promotion to a new career level. We are confident that their leadership potential will help them contribute to the company's further growth and strengthen its positions on the market," he added.

Mrs. Vasyukhnova specializes in legal support of investment projects, M&A deals, commercial contracts, antitrust litigation and IT projects. She provides legal support to start-up projects, advises them on intellectual property issues, and represents their interests in litigation relating to intellectual property.

"I am accepting my role as a partner with joy and a deep sense of responsibility, and will actively participate in the company's future development. Our team, our clients and ambitious plans daily call me to brave most complex legal projects," Alexandra Vasyukhnova said.

Maxim Grigoryev is an expert in the structuring of contractual relationships between companies and authorities. He advises projects that involve government support and stimulation of business development; accompanies investment transactions and joint ventures; advises and represents companies in commercial disputes, including disputes of international nature that involve recovery of damages for technological violations and environmental abuses, in corporate disputes and other types of litigation. His work experience and length of service in the legal profession exceeds 12 years.

"I am grateful to the Board of Partners for their trust and recognition of my efforts, aspirations, and achievements in business development. I am very happy to have joined this super-professional team back in 2008, which is not only an inexhaustible source of new knowledge and skills, but also a team of co-thinkers, worthy companions and trusted friends," Maxim Grigoryev said.

The new partners will continue to work in their areas of practice and will be actively involved in the management of the firm's development.

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Established in 1995, VEGAS LEX employs a team of legal professionals, whose expertise is confirmed by individual and company rankings from leading Russian and international guides. Headquartered in Moscow, the firm also operates from regional offices in Volgograd and Krasnodar. VEGAS LEX is involved in largescale and complex projects. The quality of its services and its experts' level of qualification are highly appreciated, not only by its clients and partners, but also by other law firms.