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Pepeliaev Group - Russin & Vecchi alliance at the Sakhalin Oil & Gas Conference

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Lawyers from Pepeliaev Group's alliance with Russin & Vecchi will take part in the 18th international Sakhalin Oil & Gas Conference from 22 to 25 September 2014 in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

Pepeliaev Group's Director of Offshore Projects & PSA Group Pavel Kondukov will address the conference on topical issues and the anticipated changes in the taxation of companies in the Far East and Sakhalin. Sergei Lazarev, Managing Partner of Russin & Vecchi, will speak on "Contract labour in Russia. Now that the law has been adopted, you need to prepare for the changes".

Those taking part in the Conference will also have the opportunity to benefit from tax and customs advice from the alliance's leading experts: joining Pavel Kondukov and Sergei Lazarev will be Olga Evseeva, an associate from Pepeliaev Group's Customs Law and Foreign Trade Regulation Practice.

Every year the Sakhalin Oil & Gas Conference brings together major players from the oil and gas industry worldwide. It gives them the opportunity to talk over the most pressing issues facing the sector and to share their experience on a range of difficult topics. The event is supported by the Government of the Sakhalin Region.

This year, special emphasis will be placed on analysing the Sakhalin-1 and Sakhalin-2 projects, and on discussing the world liquefied natural gas markets. Also coming under the microscope will be Russia's role in the Asian and Pacific markets, transportation and logistics issues in the Far East and safeguarding industrial and environmental safety during exploration for and the production of hydrocarbons.

Among the keynote speakers at the Conference will be Alexander Khoroshavin, Governor of the Sakhalin Region, who will talk about the role of Sakhalin and the Russian Far East in the World Energy System. The many other notable industry figures alongside him will include Kirill Molodtsov, Deputy Minister of Energy, JSC GAZPROM Deputy Chairman Aleksandr Medvedev, President & Country Chair of Shell in Russia Olivier Lazare, and Vice President of Exxon Neftegas Ltd Roger Higham.

PEPELIAEV GROUP is a leading Russian law firm offering the full range of legal services in all regions of Russia, most former Soviet countries, and abroad. Over 180 lawyers in three offices (Moscow, St Petersburg, and Krasnoyarsk) provide legal support to more than 1,500 companies from various industries. 60% of our clients are international corporations which are making strategic investments in the Russian economy.

International tax ratings body the ITR European Tax Awards named **PEPELIAEV GROUP** as the winner in its 'European Tax Transaction of the Year in the Energy Sector' category.

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