**Eversheds Sutherland Russia merges with Tilling Peters**

**Expanding IP and dispute resolution offering**

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Eversheds Sutherland has strengthened its presence in Russia through a merger with local law firm Tilling Peters, adding nine lawyers, including partners Oxana Peters and Ekaterina Tilling to its team. Tilling Peters primarily specializes in dispute resolution and intellectual property.

Ekaterina Tilling, who was a partner in international law firms before starting her own firm, is a renowned intellectual property lawyer. With over fifteen years of experience in this field, she advises clients and represents them in court and is certified as a Mediator of International and Community Conflicts by the Conflict Resolution, Research and Resource Institute, Inc. (CRI). She serves as an arbitrator at the Russian Arbitration Centre of the Institute of Modern Arbitration.

Oxana Peters is one of Russia’s leading experts in the field of litigation and arbitration, and has been described as one of the most talented litigators on the Russian market. Oxana, who also worked in international law firms as a partner before starting her own firm, focuses on dispute resolution in relation to commercial and tax disputes. Her practice also includes representing clients in international commercial arbitrations (LCIA, ICC, SCC, etc.), as well as supporting clients in Russian courts to obtain recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and foreign judgements. Oxana is an arbitrator at the RAA and has also frequently served as an expert in international disputes.

**Ekaterina Tilling and Oxana Peters** commented: “We are pleased that our professional paths will continue as a part of Eversheds Sutherland. Receiving an invitation to join such a large-scale and professional team is confirmation of the high quality of the common work we have delivered. We will continue to move in this direction and to strengthen our position on the market. We are certain that we will achieve many new victories together.”

**Victoria Goldman,** Managing Partner of Eversheds Sutherland Russia, commented: “I am delighted to welcome Tilling Peters’ team to our family! We are working to expand our practice groups and to strengthen of our position on the Russian market, and this collaboration is another step in our firm’s growth strategy. It is crucially important to provide our clients with the highest possible quality of legal support, including in relation to IP issues, which are becoming ever more relevant, and dispute resolution, which has always been relevant. I am confident that our clients will notice the superior services that will result from our new synergistic partnership.”

**Ian Gray,** Executive Chair, Europe commented: “Our full-service practice in Russia continues to grow rapidly since we launched in September 2017, and we welcome the significant skills and experience of Oxana and Ekaterina to our team. The merger with the team at Tilling Peters fully supports our global strategy and will provide a superb resource to our clients for their intellectual property and dispute resolution matters.”

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Notes to Editors:

**Ekaterina Tilling** is recognized in the leading professional rankings, including Chambers (Europe/Global), Legal500 EMEA and Who’s Who Legal. She is also listed in the IP Stars ranking in both categories as a Patent Star and Trademark Star, and has been named as the best IP lawyer in the Moscow region by Best Lawyers 2020. Ekaterina has numerous publications in international and Russian journals.

**Oxana Peters’** professionalism and stellar track-record winning cases for her clients have been repeatedly recognized in international legal rankings, including in Chambers Europe, Legal 500 and Best Lawyers.

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