

Press Release

## **Dentons enters new association with Stepanovski, Papakul and Partners in Belarus**

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On 14 November 2014 in London, global law firm Dentons and leading Belarus law firm Stepanovski, Papakul & Partners (“SPP”) signed a new association agreement to continue the cooperation started with legacy firm, Salans, in 2011. Dentons' association with SPP will focus on investment projects in the Republic of Belarus, Belarus-based investors' projects in the CIS/CEE and EU, as well as litigation and other projects related to the Eurasian Economic Union.

Dentons and SPP have previously worked together on a number of important projects, from advising tech companies to advising a well-known European-based IFI in connection with an investment project for the manufacture of furniture in the Republic of Belarus with financing from European banks. This new relationship will enable Dentons and SPP to more effectively serve their clients in Belarus and also contemplates joint training and marketing projects.

“The Belarus market is particularly important to Russian and Polish investors and we welcome SPP, one of the largest firms in Belarus to the family of firms associated with Dentons,” commented Tomasz Dabrowski, Dentons Europe Chief Executive Officer. “Having a strong partner in Minsk enables Dentons to expand the geographic range in which it is able to offer clients top quality legal services.”

Alexander Stepanovski, SPP Managing Partner, added, “Our work together has withstood the test of time. Today we work as one team, and can successfully resolve the most complex issues - including matters of investment - by drawing on Dentons' unique international experience and SPP lawyers' intimate knowledge of Belarusian law. Thus our clients get the most effective legal solutions and the best service on the market.”

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