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## **Pepeliaev Group tops the 'World Transfer Pricing 2015' ratings**

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Law firm Pepeliaev Group has been named the top Russian adviser (Tier 1) for transfer pricing according to the ITR's 'World Transfer Pricing 2015' international tax ratings.

Those compiling the ratings set much store by a series of the firm's transactions: Pepeliaev Group represented a major oil and gas corporation in a dispute regarding additional tax being assessed based on transfer pricing principles. Moreover, the firm's lawyers analysed, for a pharmaceutical corporation, the potential customs and tax implications of intra-group prices being reduced. They also handled a range of other large-scale projects.

The professionalism of Pepeliaev Group's specialists was also rated highly in Tax Controversy Leaders 2014, the leading global guide to advisers on tax disputes. Featuring in the ratings were managing partner Sergey Pepeliaev, senior partners Rustem Ahmetshin and Andrey Nikonov, and head of analytics Vadim Zaripov.

To take top spot (Tier 1) in the ratings, a company needs to play a substantial role in the relevant sector in its own jurisdiction, providing legal services across the board in relation to transfer pricing. Moreover, it is a mandatory condition that the firm has a large number of clients engaged across different areas of the national economy.

Earlier this year, Pepeliaev Group won in the category 'European tax transaction of the year in the energy sector', as rated by the ITR European Tax Awards. This involved the production sharing agreement drafted by Pepeliaev Group for the Russian Energy Ministry being acknowledged as the most significant in Europe. The agreement set a specific tax regime for investors during development of the Khvalynsk deposit.

**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 160 lawyers in three offices (Moscow, St. Petersburg and Krasnoyarsk) provide legal assistance to over 1,500 companies operating in various industries. 60% of them are international corporations which are making strategic investments within Russia.

Pepeliaev Group provides the full range of legal services in the area of transfer pricing: auditing companies' transactions with related parties and transactions that are equated to transactions involving related parties in order to compile a register of controlled transactions; devising internal documents (policies, rules and procedures) for companies tailored to the new transfer pricing regulatory rules, and so on.

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