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## **AmCham: Pepeliaev Group is Company of the Year in the SME Category**

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Law firm Pepeliaev Group has come out on top in the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) awards in the small and medium-sized enterprise category. The winners of the prestigious prizes were announced at a gala awards dinner held in Moscow on 29 May.

“The Chamber’s mission of developing commercial links between Russia and the international community really strikes a chord with us,” commented Pepeliaev Group’s managing partner Sergey Pepeliaev. “As a national law firm, Pepeliaev Group is striving to guide business along what is not right now the easiest of paths. We provide support and guidance through the most dangerous and steepest legal twists and turns.”

The firm received the award for its vigorous work in developing international commercial connections. Most of Pepeliaev Group’s clients are international corporations carrying out operations in Russia, or major Russian businesses that work with foreign partners. The firm works on key investment projects that have considerable significance not just for business but for the development of the economy as a whole.

“It is a great honour for us to receive such a prestigious award at this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards ceremony,” added Mr Pepeliaev. “We are delighted that Pepeliaev Group’s efforts in striving to protect foreign partners from potential legal risks have not passed unnoticed and have been rated so highly.”

Pepeliaev Group has for many years already been a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia, which was formed in 1994 and to this day remains among the largest and most influential business associations in the country. AmCham represents 800 American corporations that are active in Russia, as well as European and Russian companies doing business on international markets.

**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 support to more than 1,500 companies from a range of industries across the economy. 60% of our clients are international corporations which are making strategic long-term investments within Russia.

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