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NEWSLETTER

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FLI NET welcomes a new Russian partner firm!

FLI is very proud to welcome **Muranov Chernyakov & Partners** as FLI NET's designated member in Russia!



Following high recommendations by fellow regional FLI NET CIS members, Muranov was invited as a guest to FLI's Spring Conference in Prague. During the proceedings, Mr. Alexander Muranov, co-founder and managing partner of the firm was able to meet with FLI's Executive Management to conclude FLI's standard recruitment process. Muranov was formally invited to join FLI in July.

Recognizing that FLI needed the support and commitment of a significant partner in Russia to assist a growing number of multinational clients

conducting business in Russia, proper, FLI conducted a wide-range recruiting effort to identify a law firm with the right profile, competency and linguistic capabilities. We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Alexander and his team of professionals in Moscow.

(Picture above: Orlando Casares with Alexander Muranov)

Message from the President

Dear Friends,
Maintaining a consistent level of support without any interruptions during the summer holidays is an art form which I'm very proud to acknowledge our FLI NET Partners, worldwide have mastered over the years. The month of July has proved no different. FLI NET Partners from several jurisdictions have been very busy providing support to a client in the steel industry demanding cross-border litigation support.

Orlando J. Casares



FLI NET ALBANIA – RECOGNITION!

Kalo & Associates, FLI NET Albanian Partner, is once again short-listed for The European Lawyer Awards 2010 in the category of the Best Law Firm of Eastern Europe & The Balkans, reflecting the international recognition of the outstanding quality, strength and consistency of the firm.

This achievement is a testimonial to the firm's quality and long-standing position as a leading player in the legal market in both Albania and in Kosovo.

FLI NET TO ASSIST BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN SHANGHAI!



FLI has been asked by the Belgian Government (*Bruxelles Capital*) to organize a key event: "B-to-B Networking the China market" before a delegation of +25 Belgian Multinational Companies attending the Belgian Mission sponsored by the Ministry of Economy. This prestigious event will serve as the backdrop for FLI to host a mini-regional Asia Pacific Conference to be attended by FLI NET Partners from Japan, So. Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan as well as FLI Executive Management.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



BDK, FLI NET Serbian partners, is proud to announce its participation in the largest South East Europe transaction of this year. The target, a Slovenian food and beverage company operating in the entire ex-Yugoslavia region and Russia, has been acquired this July by a Croatian investment fund in the value of 382 million Euros. BDK acted as local legal adviser to the investment fund for the Serbian arm of the Slovenian company. Currently BDK continues to assist the fund related to all post-closing actions related to the Serbian part of business.

(Picture on the left: Marija Bojovic, BDK Partner)