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FLI NET – Three New Partners joined the rapidly growing FLI NET family!

Through FLI Brussels' recent expansion efforts, FLI is pleased to welcome three, top-ranked partner firms:

EUROPE, ASIA PACIFIC & CENTRAL ASIA:

Forgo, Varga & Partners (Hungary) – www.forgovarga.com

Forgo, Varga & Partners is one of Hungary's premier independent law firms that is consistently rated by the European Legal 500, PLC Which Lawyer and Chambers and Partners.

Seri Manop & Doyle (Thailand) – www.serimanop.com

Seri Manop & Doyle is a well established, reputable, full service law firm that has earned the standing of one of the Thai top-rated law firms, known among other things for their "doing business guide to Thailand."

Leges Advokat (Uzbekistan) – www.leges.uz

One of the leading law firms in Uzbekistan, Leges Advokat prides itself in its team's vast experience, local know-how, and rapidly growing top reputation in the national market.

For more information on each new FLI NET Partner, please visit our website: www.first-law.com

Message from the President

Dear Partners,

FLI is very proud to inform you that following a recent beauty contest, our FLI NET Czech Partners, *Hovel & Holasek* were selected as the firm to support a US blue chip multinational company in the acquisition of a Greenfield investment opportunity at a site near Prague. The project is envisaged to bring +400 new jobs to the local community.

Orlando J. Casares



On occasion of the IBA Conference in Madrid, FLI NET Spanish Partners, Maniega & Soler hosted a social event on October 9th, attended by a broad array of clients, colleagues, distinguished members of the community and the press. FLI was very well represented by Partners from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Belarus, Switzerland and Brussels HQ. FLI NET Partner from Ukraine met with Maniega the day before.

Thinking Ahead – FLI tours Eastern Europe for Potential Investment Opportunities!

FLI recently conducted a survey of Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia with the primary objective of identifying attractive business opportunities in these recession-hard hit areas. The traditional investment environment with rates of return in the very low single digits (1% in some cases) is causing the more adventurous investors to consider branching to other areas in pursuit of more robust returns. FLI NET Romania & Bulgaria are currently assisting creating a short-list.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



FLI NET Germany, FPS Berlin - hosted a gala reception at the colorful and happening Berlin's *Umspannwerk Kreuzberg* on October 13th. FPS' traditional annual reception is a social event waited the entire year by a large number of friends and clients. Mr. Matthias Druba, FPS Berlin's Managing Partner welcomed the 400 guests in attendance and thanked them for their loyal, long standing vote of confidence --- this could not be more true now during the global recessionary down turn in the economy. Mr. Druba acknowledged the presence of Mr. Casares, Principal of FLI for enabling FPS with the global platform the Network which recently resulted in a very successful and profitable engagement of FPS' Dusseldorf office in a complex acquisition by a foreign investor from Asia of an alternative energy company. For the occasion, FLI was invited to do a presentation in the early afternoon for FPS' partners from the Frankfurt, Hamburg and Dusseldorf offices where Mr. Casares discussed recent exciting developments throughout the Network.

(Picture above: Matthias Druba, FPS Berlin, with Orlando Casares, FLI Brussels)

