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Message from FLI NET Partners



The recent FLI NET UK Spring Conference that took place in London/Birmingham about four months ago was a memorable experience for us at Llinks Law Offices and it also offered a valuable opportunity to about 45 attending global partner firms. During the conference, we had the pleasure of meeting numbers of reputable leading firms from all over the world, with whom solid business cooperation has been established by Llinks Law Offices.

Meanwhile, we pro-actively conducted some practice in the fields of Leisure/Entertainment/Hospitality & Automotive in China, and introduced Orlando Casares (First Law International's Principal) to Jinjiang Group and Shanghai Automobile Import & Export CO., LTD ("SACO"). Jinjiang Group and SACO are large-size companies holding leading positions in the above two areas respectively. From a long-run perspective, Llinks and FLI will aim to develop continuous global scale business cooperation.

We highly recommend attending the next Regional Fall Conference to all FLI NET Partners and clients interested in the relevant areas. It will be held on November 12-13, 2015 in Manila, Philippines.

David Yu, Llinks Law Office, FLI NET Partner China

FLI NET INDONESIA - TOP 'ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE' RANKING IN IFLR1000 GUIDE

SSEK Legal Consultants - FLI NET Indonesia - has been recognized as one of Indonesia's leading **energy and infrastructure** firms by IFLR1000 in the 2015 edition of its guide to the industry's leading law firms and lawyers.

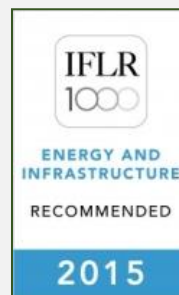
SSEK is described as a "sophisticated practice when it comes to projects, infrastructure and energy work."

Founding partner Ira A. Eddymurthy and senior foreign legal advisors Darrell R. Johnson and

Michael D. Twomey are recognized as leading energy and infrastructure practitioners.

Also singled out for mention by IFLR1000 for their work in project finance, mining, and oil and gas are Fitriana Mahiddin, Jonathan M. Streifer and Michael S. Carl.

FLI Head Offices congratulates SSEK for gaining these recognitions through consistent delivery of quality legal support to their clients!



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PAYNE & FEARS (FLI NET USA) - BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICAN 2016!

FLI NET congratulates **Payne & Fears** (FLI NET USA) team for recent inclusion of several partners in the 'Best Lawyers' in America 2016!

Dan Fears was named the Best Lawyers® 2016 Litigation- Labor and Employment "Lawyer of the Year" in Orange County!

Dan was also included in the following practice areas:

- Employment Law- Management
- Labor Law- Management
- Litigation- Labor and Employment

Dan Livingston was named in the following practice areas:

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation- Real Estate

Jim Payne was named in the following practice areas:

- Employment Law- Management
- Labor Law- Management
- Litigation- Labor and Employment

Eric Sohlgren was named in the following practice areas:

- Employment Law- Individuals
- Employment Law- Management
- Labor Law- Management
- Litigation- Labor and Employment



FLI NET SERBIA - LEADING FIRM IN TWO CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO IFLR1000

IFLR 1000 has ranked FLI NET Serbian partner firm **JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic** in "Tier 1" in two categories:

- **Energy and infrastructure work** (in the first edition to include Serbia among the researched jurisdictions); and
- **Financial and corporate.**

The ranking's editorial also praised JPM team being "highly committed to problem solving with a strong ability to cross-reference different fields of relevant legislation and bylaws."

Congratulations to the entire team at JPM for earning these recognitions!



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FLI NET BOARD COMPOSITION - NEW APPOINTMENT

Following recent FLI Board Member appointment of Mr. Ricardo Lan (Mexico), FLI is pleased to announce that its Board Members Team will be enriched through joining of another partner.

Mr. **Jean-Francois Bellis** from Van Bael & Bellis (FLI NET Belgian partners and hosts of the **FLI NET 2016 Spring Conference**) has accepted to serve as the newest member of FLI NET Board, starting immediately!

Mr. Bellis' vast legal experience coupled with his reach business acumen and exemplary management skills would prove very valuable for the entire network.

With this new change, the FLI NET Board is, thus, composed of following members:

- Klaus Jankowski Germany
- Mira Sun Republic of Korea
- Bonnie Dixon Japan
- Vitor Marques da Cruz Angola
- Mohamed Alem Lebanon
- Krishan Malhotra India
- David Hamlett United Kingdom
- J. Cary Gray United States of America
- Ricardo Lan Mexico
- Jean-Francois Bellis Belgium



AZERBAIJANI LEGAL UPDATES

With the enactment of the "**Securities Market Law**" that came into effect mid-July 2015, new regulations are now in place, which govern (among others) following areas:

- state registration;
- public offers of investment securities;
- issuance of securities and derivatives;
- principles of establishment, management, and deregistration of licensed persons and the central depository in the securities market; as well as
- protection of investors' rights and interests.



A more comprehensive report on Azerbaijani Securities Market Law's effect is to be downloaded [HERE](#).

For any additional questions, our local [Azerbaijani team](#) is at your disposal:

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FLI IS REQUESTED 18-COUNTRY CROSS-BORDER SUPPORT

FLI's long-standing strategic collaboration with EY proves to be bearing fruit. FLI has been approached on behalf of a number of their international clients from various industries (i.e. paint manufacturing industry, pharma, and IT) to provide cross-border assistance in the field of international compliance obligations.

Our UAE team has already been engaged and are kicking off, what we aim to develop into a successful, FLI NET cross-border project.

This interesting assignment spans over eighteen countries and would require timely and careful coordination among various FLI NET teams.

These types of assignments are what make FLI's business model so appealing to international companies and highlight FLI's value proposition at its best.

NEW CO-CHAIR FOR FLI NET DATA PROTECTION PRACTICE GROUP

FLI NET Data Protection/Privacy Practice Group boosts its leadership team by welcoming Mr. **Nikolaus Bertermann** (SKW Schwarz, Germany) as the new Co-chair of the group.



Nikolaus is a certified expert in German IT Law with wealth of experience and know-how of the internet industry. He has been a very active member of the FLI NET Data Protection/Privacy Group and will now support **Kirsten Whitfield**, the Head of the PG, in furthering group's activities and business opportunities.

FLI Head Office extends gratitude to Nikolaus for accepting this responsibility.

FLI ENGAGED ON AN ACQUISITION IN SPAIN

Following extensive bidding process with a renowned automotive Chinese company, FLI NET succeeded to secure a significant acquisition mandate for Spain.

The client has been originally introduced by the FLI NET Chinese partner, Mr. **David Yu** (see *introductory message to this newsletter*) following very successful Spring UK Conference. FLI NET Spanish team (**Rousaud Costas Duran**) pro-actively

(and successfully) demonstrated its capabilities to render quality assistance and deliver legal solutions client is look to achieve with the envisioned acquisition.

FLI Head Office expresses once again its gratitude to David Yu for promoting the FLI model with the firm's clients as a viable solution in achieving their international growth.

