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for the busy, successful lawyer on the go

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Message from our President

Dear Friends,

For some the start of the New Year presents nothing but endless opportunities. It is a time for New Year resolutions, rethinking priorities and setting the achievement bar higher than the previous year. Yet, for others the start of a new year can be a time for regrets over the things we never managed to do, the people we never go around to thank, the family vacation we missed, etc. I really hope no regrets from any of you. 2013 should be without a doubt FLI and FLI NET's best year yet. Our Network has reached a very respectable critical mass, top rankings, and steady multiple cross-border mandates involving many of our Partners. Our Spring Conference in the Hague will be a resounding success by anyone's standards. On behalf of FLI's entire Executive Management, I look forward to seeing you all there.



FLI NET Republic of Korea – M&A force in South Korea

Hankyul Law Firm – FLI NET Republic of Korea – has solidified its reputation of having a strong M&A practice.

According to "Mergermarket M&A Round-up report for 2012", Hankyul Law Firm is ranked (among numerous local and foreign law firms) 9th in M&A volume and 11th in M&A value.

In addition, a local newspaper – Hankyung – has ranked Hankyul Law Firm 6th in the M&A legal service field.

The Mergermarket M&A Round-up report for 2012 can be found at the following link:

http://www.mergermarket.com/pdf/mergermarket_Legal_Advisor_Round_Up_2012.pdf

First Law International wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Hankyul Law Firm for this commendable achievement.

USA Expansion – 2nd round of interviews

To keep up with the growing demand of a number of FLI NET clients in the energy/oil sector, FLI's Principal traveled to Houston, USA to conduct a second round of interviews with a number of selected Houston-based law firms specializing in the oil/energy field.

Having held the initial interviews in November 2012, FLI has narrowed down potential candidates for final interviews and selection.

FLI anticipates to announce the new FLI NET USA partners firm by the end of Q:1, 2013.





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Innovative Medical Device Company relies on FLI to commercialize their break-through products



FLI holds a summit meeting in California with Senior Management of company working on a medical device promising to have a dramatic impact on clinical patients with degenerative diseases.

Client was presented with the findings of Medical Consulting group hired in anticipation of engaging into phase two, the critical validation and commercialization step.

EU HR/Employment cross-border project



Multinational client in the Financial Sector engages FLI with a HR/Employment cross-border project (involving FLI NET Partners UK, Ireland, Denmark and Germany) as part of the client's drive to achieve a "Company of Choice" status through state-of-the art corporate agreements and policies.

FLI NET 2013 Spring Semi-annual Conference

First Law International is proud to announce that the traditional, Spring Semi-annual conference will be held this year in **The Hague on May 23 – 24.**



Our gracious co-hosts at Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn (a premier Dutch law firm) are honored to welcome all FLI NET Partners and invited VIP guests at their premises and host the biggest FLI NET event yet which will include the illustrious Peace Palace!

The detailed agenda of the conference is being finalized along with all logistical nuances. The program will be provided to all participants during the course of February.

From the excitement building around this momentous occasion, this will be a 'not-to-miss' event where all FLI NET Partners are expected to participate. Since a number of practice groups will be featured during the conference, it will behoove each firm to have several attorneys as attendees to benefit from the synergies being created.

We are looking forward to the conference and seeing you all in The Hague!



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Life Sciences multinational client engages FLI

to validate a complex import scheme in Russia. A similar exercise is expected next month to include the following FLI NET jurisdictions: Turkey, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, UAE, Lebanon, Bahrain & Qatar.

FLI NET welcomes four new FLI NET Partner firms:

Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Libya, and Russia!

What a way to start a new year!

First Law International is very pleased to announce the joining of four new FLI NET Partner firms from Africa, Middle East, and CIS:



- Democratic Republic of Congo: **D. Masongo & Associates**



- Uganda: **MMAKS**
W: <http://www.mmaks.co.ug/>



- Libya: **Kashar & Associates**



- Russia: **Pepeliaev Group LLC**
W: <http://www.pgplaw.ru/>

The careful selection process of each firm involved Mr. Casares' on-site interview or viable candidates, composing a short-list of prospects, subsequent vetting by the FLI NET Executive Management, and a clear vision of which local provider will be best suited to become our FLI NET representative.

FLI is confident that it has picked the right "geese" to carry the network's value proposition forward in the local markets and prove to FLI NET clients that they are in good hands.

With this growth, FLI has officially surpassed the threshold of 60 countries and is expected to continue its steady, strategic growth throughout 2013.

FLI is also proud to inform that all four firms are already rendering valuable assistance to FLI NET Clients.

FLI extends a hearty welcome to the managing partners and local teams of D. Masongo & Associates; MMAKS; Kashar & Associates, and Pepeliaev Group LLC and is looking forward to a fruitful and long-lasting collaboration!