

PRESS RELEASE

LANSKY, GANZGER & PARTNER AND BAKU LAW CENTER ESTABLISH CENTRAL EUROPE'S "LEGAL HUB" IN CAUCASUS - Baku, October 14th 2009 - Austrian and Azerbaijani law firms sign Joint Venture Agreement

Lansky, Ganzger & Partner Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna (LGP) further extends its reach in Asia underscoring the firm's commitment to broaden its ability to serve clients in the region and open new opportunities on a pro-active basis.

BHM Lansky, Ganzger & Partners LLC combines the well-established Central and Eastern European experience of Lansky, Ganzger & Partner (LGP) with the prominence of the Baku Law Centre (BHM), the largest law firm in Baku. The JV provides clients with services across a broad range of areas including corporate law, privatization, public sector, infrastructure, energy and other international legal representation. The company has historic strength in the public and near-public sector, having carried out numerous mandates in the sectors of transportation, energy, and communal services. In addition, the firm represents sovereign states in connection with issues of international public law, and such issues as bringing regulations into international standards compliance as well as private and public clients in international arbitration matters. Being a full-service provider to foreign investors BHM, Lansky, Ganzger & Partners LLC will help clients pursue acquisition targets and structure new operations in Central Asia enabling entry and access to the regional markets.

"Unlike many international law firms that establish regional offices on a greenfield basis, LGP prefers to co-operate with strong independent local partners. We are glad that we have found such a renowned partner with extremely well developed business and government contacts in the region", says Gabriel Lansky, Managing Director of Lansky, Ganzger & Partner. "The new office in Azerbaijan is for us a vital link to Central Asia, one must not forget about the country's role as a source of oil and gas."

About his decision to set up the JV Fariz Mammadov, Managing partner of Baku Law Center (BHM) explains: "We searched a long time for a European law firm in order to join us in broadening the team and services we offer in international transactions for our clients."

About Baku Law Center

Baku Law Center LLC (BLC) provides clients with services across a broad range of areas including corporate law, privatization, public sector and international business transactions. The law firm is taking active part in international legal forums and established business relations with leading companies in CIS and Europe. BLC has in



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place a well-connected governmental network both in Azerbaijan and in Kazakhstan, where the company has a subsidiary. The company's further projects include establishment of a subsidiary company in Turkmenistan.

About Lansky, Ganzger & Partner

LANSKY, GANZGER + partner (LGP) is a leading international law firm based in Vienna. Through its offices and partner firms, LGP is represented throughout Greater Europe and worldwide. In addition to its international offices (Bratislava, Baku) and partner firms, LGP has lawyers in Vienna, qualified in many foreign jurisdictions, focussing on Russia, CIS, on South Eastern Europe, on Turkey and Azerbaijan, and on the USA.

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