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GRATA International in Belarus: Cooperation with Arzinger & Partners

On 28 April 2015 **GRATA International** in pursuit of its expansion strategy to become a global law firm signed **Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation** with **Arzinger & Partners**, one of the leading law firms in Belarus. Cooperation with a Belarus legal practice will provide GRATA International clients with comprehensive legal support in Belarus and other countries where Arzinger & Partners has presence. The parties will put all efforts to integrate all processes and extensive expertise of both teams.

GRATA International brief profile: Established in 1992, Grata today has 120 lawyers. The Grata practice has expanded to 17 offices in Kazakhstan, as well as offices in Russia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia. GRATA also maintains representative offices in China (Beijing), the Netherlands (Amsterdam), UAE (Dubai), United Kingdom (London) and the United States (New York). GRATA is noted as a leading advisor in oil and gas, mining, banking and finance, telecommunications, transport and logistics, industry, retail, construction and real estate.

For further details please visit the firm's web site www.gratanet.com.

Arzinger & Partners brief profile: Arzinger & Partners was established in 1990 in Germany. Over time the company expanded to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Russia, and Ukraine. Arzinger & Partners opened its Belarus office in 2006, becoming the first international law firm to enter the Belarusian legal services market. It is a leading full service law firm in Belarus with a focus on international investors in the energy, oil processing, telecommunications and construction industries. Arzinger & Partners is highly ranked by **Chambers Europe**, **Chambers Global**, **Legal 500**, **IFLR1000**, **Who's Who Legal**, and **Corporate INTL**.

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CNN International explores Kazakhstan's place on the modern Silk Road

CNN's The Silk Road: Past, Present, Future visits Khorgos, Astana, Almaty and the Turgen River - 30-minute show on CNN International at 1430 ALMT 16 July

This month, CNN International's newest series **The Silk Road: Past, Present, Future** continues its 8,000 kilometre journey across the old silk routes by travelling to the remote deserts, snow-capped mountains and bustling cities of Kazakhstan. Following the series' opening episode in June from the start of the Silk Road in China, this month's show sees presenter Sumnima Udas explore Kazakhstan's historic role in the world's most important trade route and uncover the country's place in the modern Silk Road.

Airing on CNN International on 16 July, episode two of *The Silk Road: Past, Present, Future* will feature three major reports:

- A focus on the new dry port and train station at Khorgos, as CNN looks at how Kazakhstan is expanding rail operations there and across the country to revive its ancient position as a transport hub for goods travelling between east and west
- An exploration of high-tech innovations in the modern architecture of Astana, and look at how the centuries' old traditional yurts are still present in 21st century Astana in new forms of construction such as a shopping mall housed inside a giant, modern yurt
- Trekking through the mountains south of the old Silk Road city of Almaty and white-water rafting down the Turgen River to learn how young Kazakh tour operators are building a 'Silk Road' tourism industry

Following the Kazakhstan episode, *The Silk Road: Past, Present, Future* will visit India as it makes its way across the old routes over nine episodes before completing its journey in Northern Italy.

"*The Silk Road* is a sumptuous programme that combines wonderful landscapes with fascinating insight into the parallels between the Silk Road as a historic trading route and a modern, globalised marketplace," said Ellana Lee, Senior Vice President, CNN International. "This month's episode from Khorgos, Astana, Almaty and the Turgen River will be a journey of adventure for CNN's international audience and shine a light on the role that Kazakhstan continues to play in the movement of goods and commerce between east and west."

Additional digital content about the Kazakhstan episode of *The Silk Road: Past, Present, Future* is online at cnn.com/thesilkroad. Videos from the 30-minute show will be uploaded on 17 July.