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PETERKA & PARTNERS, PRAGUE LAW FIRM, OPENS KYIV OFFICE

Kyiv June 15, 2006 – PETERKA & PARTNERS, LLC, a Prague-based law firm, is opening an office in Kyiv today.

The law firm's Kyiv branch is its second international office. Peterka & Partners opened an office in Bratislava in 2001. At that time, it was the first Czech law firm to operate an office in the Slovak Republic.

The Kyiv office, which will employ 10 lawyers, is headed by Monika Hoskova and Alexander Poels, LL.M.

“By taking this unique step in the Czech legal market, Peterka & Partners is responding to current economic trends and to the needs of both present and future clients whose business activities turn towards Eastern Europe,” Hoskova said.

“Coming to Kyiv is another step in our foreign expansion,” commented Ondrej Peterka, Managing Partner of the firm. “With our team of 60 highly qualified lawyers and tax advisers, our law firm will rank amongst the most significant law firms in Central Europe.”

The firm's Kyiv team will work in collaboration with its offices in Prague and Bratislava to provide complex legal services. The Kyiv branch specializes in mergers and acquisitions, real estate, corporate and general commercial law and labor law.

Hoskova was graduated from the Law Faculty of Charles University in Prague and admitted to the Czech Bar in 2005. She has worked with Peterka & Partners since 2000. She is fluent in Czech, English and French and has good knowledge of Slovak, Russian and Ukrainian. She specializes in commercial law, real estate, bankruptcy and labor law.

Poels has received Master of Laws degrees from the Faculty of Laws of Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven, Belgium and from the University of Iceland's Faculty of Law in Reykjavik. He has worked with Peterka & Partners in Bratislava almost two years prior to moving to Kyiv. He is fluent in English, French and Dutch and has good knowledge of Spanish, German, Russian and Ukrainian. He focuses mainly on EU and International commercial and company law.

The Kyiv office of Peterka & Partners is located at Bohdana Khmelnytskoho 17/52-A. The telephone number is 581 1120. The firm's Internet address is www.peterkapartners.com

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