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Biriş Goran strenghtens energy and renewables practice

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In an effort to build on its already strong expertise, Biriş Goran is delighted to announce that it has hired two lawyers devoted full time to energy matters as of February 2013.

The firm welcomes Dana Dunel-Stancu, the new head of the firm's energy practice. Dana has been practicing for over 15 years, and as of 2002, began practicing exclusively on energy, oil and gas law matters. She was head of the energy practice at Boştină & Associates. Dana will continue her practice at Biriş Goran, where she will continue her exclusive energy focus on clients' new investments and production units as well as regulatory matters. Her accreditations in the field include a European Federation of Energy Trading (EFET) accredited specialist in contracts for electricity trading and supply as well as an Open University (UK) accredited project management specialist.

Working in this practice area ever since the electricity market was open to the competition only up to 25%, Dana has experience regarding rules of operation of both centralized and non-centralized electricity markets, as regards the legal assistance for rehabilitation and modernization power plants projects and in investment projects for new electricity production units, in legal assistance for commercial and corporate transactions concluded in this field and in renewable projects. At the same time, Dana coordinated the legal assistance for the day-to-day activity of companies operating in the gas and oil field, in particular in connection with the corporate governance in Romania, the negotiation, conclusion and performance of commercial contracts, legal assistance in conflicts with contractual partners and, last but not least, granting legal assistance regarding the special regulations in this field.

Over the years she has been recognized as a leading energy lawyer in Romania by various Romania-based publications.

Biriş Goran also welcomes junior lawyer Ştefan Goronescu. Ştefan previously practiced energy law with Muşat & Associates and also was in-house counsel for a major photovoltaic developer. He is eager to offer his renewable energy practice, particularly his photovoltaic experience, to Biriş Goran's clients.

Co-managing partner Gelu Goran notes: *“While we’ve enjoyed a strong energy practice over the years, we could not resist the opportunity to take on board these seasoned practitioners in the field. Dana’s transactional experience in the energy field is second-to-none in Romania, and with this we can offer a valuable new service to our clients – both current and new.”* Dana Dunel-Stancu added: *“I have known the lawyers at Biriş Goran for many years by reputation, and I’m really excited to join them. Their current expertise in fields such as real estate and taxation means that we can offer a one-stop shop for advice to our energy clients. This is a great opportunity.”*

About Biriş Goran

Since being established in 2006, Biriş Goran has grown to over 30 attorneys and fiscal consultants, with its separate fiscal consulting practice led by Ruxandra Jianu, who is licensed with the Romanian Chamber of Fiscal Consultants and a company of practitioners in insolvency authorized by the National Union of Practitioners in Insolvency in Romania (UNPIR).

Biriş Goran also has partners and attorneys who are licensed to practice in New York (USA) and Quebec (Canada).

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