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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of Petrom S.A. (member of OMV Group) Kazakhstan Branch I take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Signum Law Firm for the very high quality of professional legal services provided to our company here in Kazakhstan.

Signum was our legal advisor on numerous business transactions, including the divestiture of one of our operating companies, the extension of several of our subsurface licenses, restructuring, various licenses and much more.

We strongly recommend Signum as a very qualified and reliable law firm, with special emphasis on their expertise in the subsurface contracts/legislation.

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