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CASE NUMBER: A-821-816

RE: The Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy

Dear Secretary Evans:

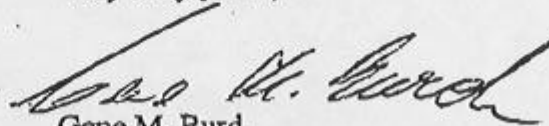
This office represents Norex Petroleum Limited ("Norex").

On behalf of Norex, we object to possible revocation by the Department of Commerce of Russia's Non-Market Economy status.

In support of the objection we submit the attached complaint filed in February in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The complaint describes how the corrupt court system in Russia undermines its system and harms foreign businesses seeking to operate there. Therefore, the Department should not revoke Russia's NME status at this time.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this comment.

Very truly yours,



Gene M. Burd
For: Marks & Sokolov, LLC

Enclosure

Cc: Bruce S. Marks
Norex Petroleum Limited