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**Project Title:** Modernization of the Russian Civil Code – phase II: Consultations in the process of drafting federal laws regarding the introduction of amendments to the Civil Code

**Name of legal entity**

| CILC | Russian Federation | € 89.433 | 100% | 2 CILC staff 2 STE’s | Russian Research Centre for Private Law and the Council for the Codification of Civil Legislation | Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs (EVD-G2G) | 09/2009 – 06/2011 | n/a |

### Detailed description of project

This project was a follow-up of a previous smaller project on the concept of a modernization of certain parts of the Russian Civil Code. In the context of the project the following results were envisioned:

- The working groups under the Codification Council for Civil Legislation have discussed the most difficult and disputed legal concepts in a number of areas with Dutch experts;
- The working groups under the Codification Council for Civil Legislation are able to integrate the views, analyses and recommendations of the Dutch experts into the federal laws that will be drafted for introducing amendments to the Civil Code;
- (Possibly) publication of the Dutch input to the process of drafting amendments to the first part of the Russian Civil Code in a number of areas (proprietary rights and legal persons).

During the implementation period of the project, the Russian Research Center for Private Law and the Council for Codification of Civil Legislation, two legal advisory bodies under the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation have worked with several Dutch legal experts of the Center for International Legal Cooperation to bring parts of the Russian Civil Code in line with modern standards in contemporary civil legislation. This bilateral legal cooperation effort was set off by a Russian presidential decree of 2008 that entrusted the Research Center and the Council for Codification with the task to design the further modernization of Russian Civil Law to have it correspond better to the economical, social, and political situation in modern day Russia.

This Dutch-Russian legal cooperation project focused on two distinct legal fields that fall under Parts One and Two of the Russian Civil Code: proprietary rights and legal persons. In the course of the project several working group meetings and consultations have taken place on legal notions such as the state registration of legal entities, the divisions of legal entities, the rights of creditors of a legal entity under reorganization, the protection of ownership, the acquisition and termination of proprietary rights, and the permanent right of ownership and use. The various consultations in Russia and the Netherlands have put these key issues in the field of proprietary rights and legal persons in a broad international perspective. This fruitful cooperation resulted in the preparation by the Research Center for Private Law of a draft Federal law On the amendments of Parts One, Two, Three, and Four of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation that has subsequently been presented to the Russian Presidential Administration. This draft law has since then been scrutinized and discussed with relevant stakeholders in the Russian legal field.

### Type and scope of services provided

- Overall project management and project coordination
- Coordination of experts input at consultations and roundtables
- Backstopping and financial management of the project
- Regular contact with the Beneficiary Country counterparts on the project implementation and the achievement of project results
- Organization of a study visit to the Netherlands on the protection of ownership and the provisions of proprietary rights
- Organisation of roundtables and working meetings
- Publication of project materials