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To Pradeep S. Mehta
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Dear Pradeep S. Mehta!

Competition Protection Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Antimonopoly agency) (“Agency”) expresses its deep respect to you and hopes for mutually productive collaboration.

The Agency was established in October 2007 and is a central executive body of the Republic of Kazakhstan which exercises public authority in the field of competition protection and restriction of the monopolistic activities in commodity markets and consumers’ rights protection.

The Agency pursues the policy of undertaking mutually beneficial cooperation with international organisations and competition agencies of the other states with the aim of improving the competition legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan through learning and adopting best experience in the field of the competition law and policy, as well as achieving the most effective enforcement of the competition legislation.

The Agency is not only an active member of the International Competition Network, but also known for its close cooperation with the antimonopoly bodies of the CIS Member States within the framework of the Intergovernmental Antimonopoly Policy Council (“IAPC”), which was established in accordance to the Treaty on the Implementation of the Coordinated Antimonopoly Policy signed on 28th December 2000. The Agency Chairman’s election as the IAPC Chairman in October 2011 is a good reflection of the active position of the Agency in the IAPC activities.

Furthermore, in honour of the 20th Anniversary of the antimonopoly authority of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the International Conference on current issues of the competition policy in post-crisis period was held in 2011 with the participation of the representatives of the competition agencies and law firms of the CIS Member States and other states including the USA, China, Austria, Serbia, Romania, etc.

In light of the formation of the single economic area between Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia the Agency carries on its activity on improving the national competition legislation for the purpose of its further harmonisation.

The Agency is deeply interested in strengthening and further improving cooperation with organisations in the field of the antimonopoly policy and competition enforcement.

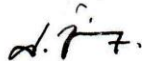
In 2011 the Agency supported the suggestion to adopt a World Competition Day on 5th December. As its support, the Agency held the “Open Day”, during which was organised the reception of the consumers and the representatives of the market subjects’.

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For this reason, the Agency conveys its strong interest in establishing mutually beneficial and productive cooperation with CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation.

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Regards,



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