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Drew Guff Meets with Mikhail Myasnikovich, Prime Minister of Belarus

NEW YORK, September 25, 2014 – Drew Guff, Managing Director and Founding Partner of Russia Partners, met with Mikhail Myasnikovich, Prime Minister of Belarus, during a series of meetings hosted by the Prime Minister with representatives of American business on September 22.

Russia Partners has been active in Belarus for the last eight years through its investment in EPAM Systems, Inc., the leading software engineering outsourcing company in Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS. EPAM employs over 11,000 IT professionals and maintains North American headquarters in Newtown, PA and software development centers in Belarus. The company successfully listed on the New York Stock Exchange in February 2012.

At the Belarusian Investment Forum held in New York, business leaders discussed cooperation in the investment sphere between government authorities and potential investors, the investment attractiveness of Belarus, and the country's image as a reliable business and investment partner.



Mikhail Myasnikovich greets Drew Guff



Mikhail Myasnikovich hosts business leaders at the 2014 Belarusian Investment Forum in New York

As a speaker at the Forum, Drew Guff moderated an opening conversation between Nikolai Snopkov, Minister of Economy of Belarus, and Mikhail Myasnikovich about trade and economic cooperation between Belarus and the U.S. Next, Mr. Guff moderated a panel discussion between economic leaders that addressed the investment climate in Belarus, various national investment projects, IPOs of Belarusian companies in U.S. and European stock markets, and investment opportunities in specific sectors of the Belarusian economy.

Following the investment panel, Mr. Guff moderated a discussion focused on information technology and science, which reviewed opportunities for enhancing Belarusian-American scientific and technical collaboration, and the potential for a Belarus High-Tech Park. A working lunch for participants hosted by the Prime Minister followed the morning panel discussions.

The Forum had 135 registered participants, including representatives of leading global companies, international financial institutions, U.S. government agencies, and the government of Belarus.



Arkadiy Dobkin, Co-Founder, CEO and President of Russia Partners portfolio company, EPAM Systems, and Drew Guff participate in panel discussions

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