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Bolotov & Partners LLP (previously - BMF Group LLP) is an IP law firm founded in Almaty in 1994.

Our company, currently focused solely on IP and closely related matters, has been working in Kazakhstan more than 20 years, representing interests of local, foreign and international industrial and service companies, banks and financial organizations, central and local governments.

Bolotov & Partners is a legal successor of BMF Group and previously McGuireWoods Kazakhstan LLP. We keep high standards of servicing our clients, professional staff and international experience. Our correspondent network all over the globe multiplied by an independent firm's flexibility and promptness in making decisions would help us to assist our clients' needs even more efficiently.

We confirm our current commitments to our business partners and clients and look forward to being of assistance to them in the future.

We are looking for cooperation with companies requiring expert legal services for their businesses and hope that our international and long-standing Kazakhstani experience would help us to assist in the matters, which for some reason cannot be handled by large international firms or by your in-house lawyers.

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Bolotov & Partners LLP is dealing with protection of intellectual property ("IP"), including trademarks, inventions, industrial designs, utility models, copyrights and related rights, franchising, IP management.

The scope of our IP services varies from filing applications for registration of IP items to representing our clients' interests in courts and government agencies, and employing IP to optimize the operation of companies and improve their financial condition.

We deal with IP matters throughout CIS countries and in many other countries of the world on our own or in cooperation with other IP lawyers, trademark and patent attorneys.