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Environmental and Energy Lawyers Join Hungarian GGI Member

We are pleased to announce that two senior Hungarian lawyers have joined the Hungarian member of GGI, Kovács Réti Szegheő Law Firm.

Dr. Gabriella Holovács graduated from ELTE University of Budapest, Hungary, obtained her LL.M (Master of Laws in Comparative Law) degree at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, and is specialised in environmental protection. She was a member of the Hungarian delegation at the screening of *acquis communautaire*, environment chapter in joining the EU, and she has been an expert for the Hungarian Ministry of Transport in PHARE, ISPA/Cohesion Fund and TEN-T projects. Her major practice areas are environmental law, Law of Hungarian and EU funding and grants, and Corporate Law.

Dr. Gábor Horváth graduated from the University of Pécs, Hungary, where he also obtained an MBA degree in economics. He has worked for major international law firms in Hungary, and spent over eight years in the energy sector as in-house for the E.ON Hungary Group. In this capacity, he gained extensive knowledge and expertise in the legislation, regulatory and day-to-day matters concerning energy law in Hungary including, particularly, the operation of natural gas and electricity networks, energy trade, and renewing energy. His main practice areas are energy law, public procurement, real estate, and labour and employment.

The combination of the expertise of the newly joined team members with existing experience will allow Kovács Réti Szegheő Law Firm to extend and strengthen the scope of its services in the fields of energy and environmental law, which are of primary importance in Hungary and all over world these days.

Hungary's possibilities in the area of renewing energy sources are expressly good. The conditions of the country allow the utilisation of geothermic energy and considerable volume of biomass is available. The perspectives in the utilisation of solar energy of the power of water and wind show that electricity generation using these power sources can be significantly increased.

Hungary is also having considerable stocks of geothermic energy. The utilisation of this energy type includes the establishment of multi-stage utilisation systems where hot water is used for heating, balneology and electricity generation as well. For the time being, there is no geothermic power plant in Hungary for generating electricity so this is a segment where great opportunities are open.

Biomass is the energy source which offers the greatest opportunities in Hungary for generating electricity and producing fuels. Of these, the production of the raw material of bioethanol and bioethanol itself is a huge improvement possibility.

Reinforced with two senior lawyers, Kovács Réti Szegheő Law Firm offers you one stop shop services in all matters concerning environmental protection and energy, including green energy.

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