

AQUITAS

ENVIRONMENTAL

# environmental

**AEQUITAS** is paying close attention to environmental issues associated with its clients' projects in Kazakhstan, primarily in the subsoil and energy sectors. The firm's experience in this area encompasses advice on regulatory issues, legal evaluation of environmental risks and in- and out-of-court client representation in environmental disputes settlement. The firm treasures its expertise in this area, which includes assistance to ExxonMobil Corporation in preparing a classifier of environmental and other legislation governing environmental issues and representation of JV Tengizchevroil LLP in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan in connection with a dispute over environmental damage compensation. **AEQUITAS** provided consulting services to Offshore Kazakhstan International Operating Company (OKIOC) implementing an oil

exploration project in the Caspian region.

The key clients using **AEQUITAS** environmental legal services are the leading local and international companies active in the construction, industrial production and subsoil use sectors in Kazakhstan.

One of **AEQUITAS** latest major projects was the work to improve the local environmental legislation. In the framework of this project, the firm's lawyers developed the environmental legislation improvement concept and drafted amendments to a number of legislative and subordinate acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan: Environmental Code, Administrative Code, Tax Code, Subsoil Law, etc.

# legal services

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Advice regarding environmental law issues, environmental-and-legal regime of oil production and processing by-products (sulfur, gas), storage of mining and mining-processing waste, and statutory liability issues.

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Advice regarding environmental requirements with respect to importation and operation of certain goods and equipment.

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Client representation in court in connection with environmental damage compensation disputes.

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Environmental compliance legal due diligence.



# most representative projects

Advice to Tengizchevroil LLP regarding legal regulation of oil production by-products in connection with the adoption of the new Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Advice to ShalkiyaZinc Ltd., Kazakhstan's leading mining company, regarding mining and processing waste storage issues.

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Advice to a large Russian company regarding legal regulation of hazardous cargos transportation in Kazakhstan.

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Advice to PetroKazakhstan Inc. on different local environmental law issues.

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Advice to OKIOC (current name — NCOC) international consortium implementing an oil exploration project in the Caspian region regarding the scope of oil spill liability stipulated by the Kazakh legislation.

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Representation of Tengizchevroil LLP in an environmental damage compensation case reviewed by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan and provision of general environmental advice.

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Assistance to ExxonMobil Corporation and its local JV in the preparation of a classifier of environmental and other legislation governing environmental issues.

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Regular analysis of environmental aspects when conducting due diligence of various companies.

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Legal support to Environmental Forum held on 30 May 2013 in Astana, on the instructions of Chevron Corporation, including research on a number of topical environmental legislation and law-application issues and development of the environmental legislation reform concept. The concept aims at filling gaps in legislation, creation of clear and transparent terminology, improvement of the current environmental legislation, development of new regulatory legal acts and formation of a uniform law-application practice.

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Advice to General Electric determining environmental and other requirements applicable to equipment importation and operation.

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# membership



The British-Kazakh Society



# ratings

*“AEQUITAS lawyers are very professional, they have a great experience which they use day by day. They are very convenient to contact, because they always stayed in touch and gave prompt feedback on all requests”.*

**The Legal 500 2024**

*“AEQUITAS demonstrates a keen understanding of business needs and an ability to provide pragmatic legal advice aligned with commercial objectives”.*

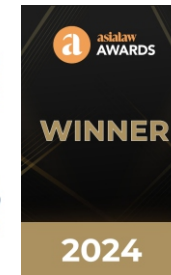
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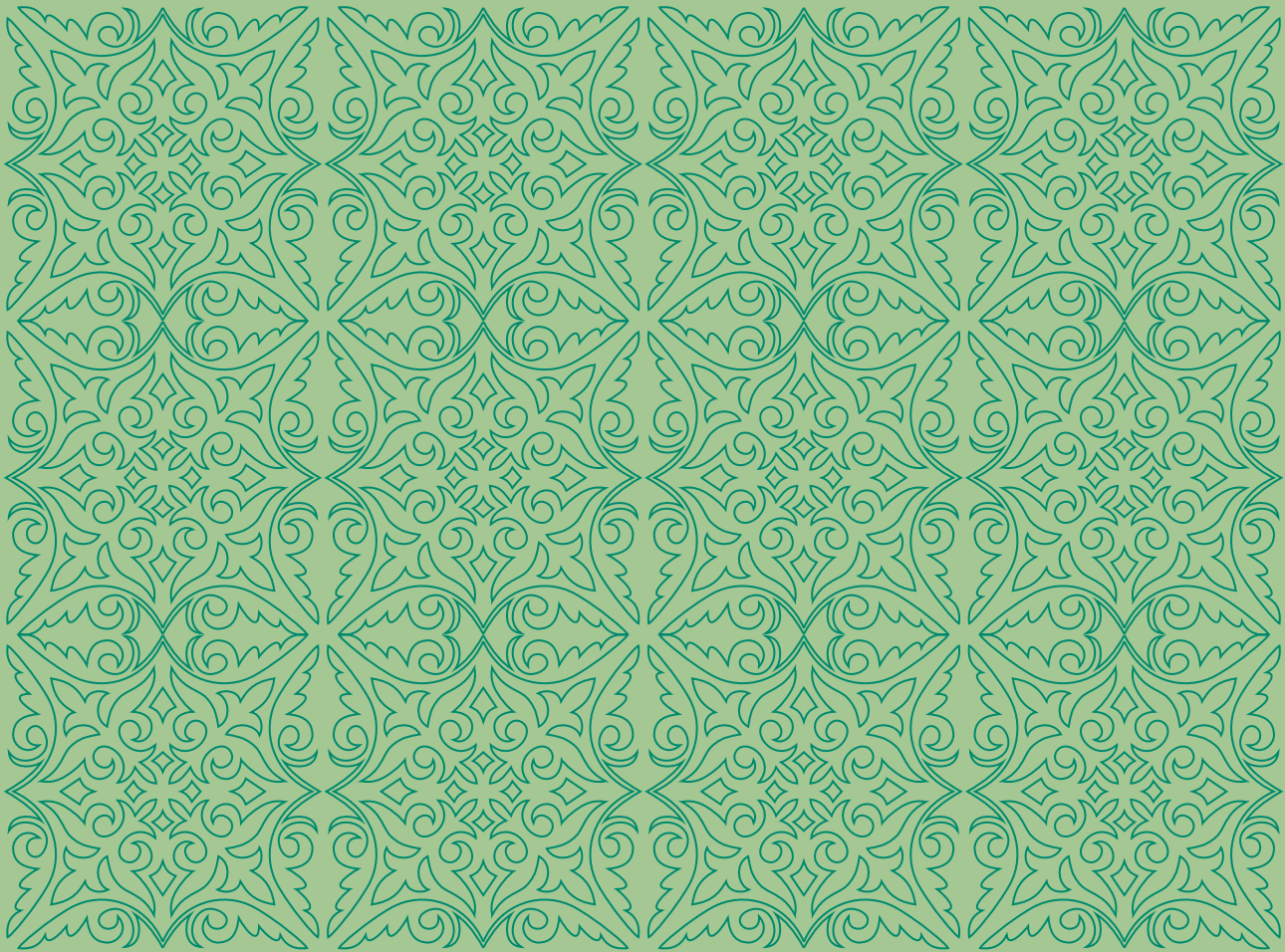
*“AEQUITAS Law Firm is flexible in its approach and understands the legal and commercial needs of the client. Their lawyers have strong intellectual strength and the ability to find logical solutions”.*

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*“They know the Kazakhstan market very well; they are very detailed and concrete”.*

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