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INTRODUCTION

The renewable-energy market has been growing steadily for several years. Spain has promoted the use of renewable sources ever since they emerged, and is a country of reference worldwide. This is because it largely depends on external energy sources, and, not least, the need to reduce contamination caused by fossil fuels complying with the Kyoto Protocol.

Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 23, 2009, on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on June 5, 2009, is a step forward. This Directive establishes a common framework to promote the use of energy from renewable sources and sets mandatory national targets for the overall share of this energy in gross final consumption of energy. The Directive also establishes rules relating to joint projects between member states and other countries, guarantees of origin, facilitating administrative procedures, and accessing networks.

It is time to analyze our legal surrounding environment to compare the internal and external challenges and opportunities that the different European renewable-energy markets will face in the coming months and years, as a result of this new Community drive.

With this aim, *Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira* begins a series of informative breakfasts to create a meeting point for key players in the renewable-energy market who-although Spain is their main source of business-want to acquire a more globalized vision, learn about legislative developments in neighboring countries, compare these developments with their experience and existing opportunities in Spain, and discover new ways to expand their businesses. In the first breakfast, we will analyze Greece's legal framework to promote the use of renewable energies, highlighting the most important developments from a legal point of view, focusing mainly on solar energy projects. We will have the opportunity to learn from the invaluable experience and knowledge of Ms. Marina Kolia, managing partner of the energy group at the Greek firm Zepos & Yannopoulos, probably the most recognized and experienced firm in the Greek energy market.

SPEAKERS

Ms. Marina Kolia, managing partner of the Zepos & Yannopoulos energy group

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DATE

The breakfast will be held in Madrid on July 8, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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REGISTRATION

Attendance is free of charge. However, places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your place, please confirm your attendance, to:

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