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NNDKP, part of the international legal team advising Metinvest on the acquisition of ArcelorMittal Iași



Baker McKenzie Ukraine (global counsel) and Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen (NNDKP) (local counsel) have provided comprehensive legal assistance to Metinvest, an international, vertically integrated mining and metals company, in connection with the acquisition of the majority shareholding in ArcelorMittal Iași. This complex transaction required coordinated efforts across multiple jurisdictions and legal disciplines, underscoring the strategic importance of the project for Metinvest's regional expansion.

NNDKP's involvement covered all stages of the acquisition process within the Romanian jurisdiction. The team conducted a tailored legal due diligence investigation into ArcelorMittal Iaşi, with the findings of the review being instrumental in shaping the contractual structure of the transaction from a Romanian law perspective.

Throughout the process, Baker McKenzie Ukraine and NNDKP supported Metinvest in agreeing and finalizing all transaction documents, ensuring that the contractual architecture from Romanian law perspective adequately addressed the identified local risks and aligned with the client's commercial objectives.

NNDKP's core team advising on the transaction included **Razvan Vlad**, Partner, **Vlad Anghel**, Managing Associate and **Daria Anghel**, Associate, from the Corporate/M&A practice.

On the client side the transaction was led by *Oleksandr Kulykovskyi*, Head of Legal for M&A and Strategic Contracts at Metinvest Group, supported by *Yana Babych*, Counsel for M&A. The regulatory approvals workstream was led by *Dmytro Galchynskyi*, Head of Legal Affairs – Competition Law & Intellectual Property at Metinvest Group, with support from *Serhii Melnychuk*, Counsel for Competition Law & Intellectual Property.

"We are delighted that through the close collaboration with Baker McKenzie Ukraine and Metinvest's team we have contributed to the successful completion of this transaction that marks the strategic expansion of Metinvest in the region. This acquisition also demonstrates our firm's strong capabilities in handling complex cross-border M&A projects, and we thank Baker McKenzie Ukraine and Metinvest for their trust and excellent cooperation", declared **Razvan Vlad**, *Partner*.

With more than 35 years of experience in the market, NNDKP lawyers provide integrated and specialized assistance in all areas of law involved in transactions and regulatory projects, helping to identify bespoke solutions and strategies for each client. NNDKP's Corporate/M&A team has built an impressive track record of successfully completed projects in the past decades, having advised in transactions totaling billions of euros, including projects that have shaped the local business market.