
OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN)

AND

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
As Depositary

AND

HOLDERS OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Deposit Agreement

Dated as of September 4, 2001

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DEPOSIT AGREEMENT dated as of September 4, 2001 (the "Deposit Agreement") among OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN) and its successors (the "Company"), MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, as depositary hereunder (the "Depositary"), and all holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued hereunder ("ADRs") evidencing American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") representing deposited Shares (defined below). The parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Certain Definitions.

(a) "ADR Register" is defined in paragraph (3) of the form of ADR.

(b) "ADRs" mean the American Depositary Receipts executed and delivered hereunder. ADRs may be either in physical certificated form or Direct Registration ADRs. ADRs in physical certificated form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A annexed hereto (the "form of ADR"). The term "Direct Registration ADR" means an ADR, the ownership of which is recorded on the Direct Registration System. References to "ADRs" shall include Direct Registration ADRs, unless the context otherwise requires. The form of ADR is hereby incorporated in its entirety herein and made a part hereof; the provisions of the form of ADR shall be binding upon the parties hereto.

(c) Subject to paragraph (14) of the form of ADR, each "ADS" evidenced by an ADR represents the right to receive fifty (50) Shares and a pro rata share in any other Deposited Securities.

(d) "Beneficial Owner" means a person with a beneficial interest in an ADS.

(e) "Custodian" means the agent or agents of the Depositary (singly or collectively, as the context requires) and any additional or substitute Custodian appointed pursuant to Section 9.

(f) The terms "deliver", "execute", "issue", "register", "surrender", "transfer" or "cancel", when used with respect to Direct Registration ADRs, shall refer to an entry or entries or an electronic transfer or transfers in the Direct Registration System.

(g) "Delivery Order" is defined in Section 3.

(h) "Deposited Securities" as of any time means all Shares at such time deposited under this Deposit Agreement and any and all other Shares, securities, property and cash at such time held by the Depositary or the Custodian in respect or in lieu of such deposited Shares and other Shares, securities, property and cash.

(i) "Direct Registration System" means the direct registration system maintained by the Depositary, pursuant to which the Depositary may record the ownership of uncertificated ADRs, which ownership shall be evidenced by periodic statements issued by the Depositary to the Holders entitled thereto.

(j) "Holder" means the person or persons in whose name an ADR is registered on the ADR Register.

(k) "Russian Share Registrar" means the entity that maintains the Share Register for the Shares or any successor thereto and any other appointed agent of the Company for the transfer and registration of Shares.

(l) "Securities Act of 1933" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as from time to time amended.

(m) "Securities Exchange Act of 1934" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as from time to time amended.

(n) "Share Register" means the shareholder register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar in which ownership of the Shares is registered.

(o) "Shares" mean the shares of common stock of the Company and shall include the rights to receive Shares specified in paragraph (1) of the form of ADR. "Transfer Office" is defined in paragraph (3) of the form of ADR.

(p) "Withdrawal Order" is defined in Section 6.

2. ADR Certificates. (a) ADRs in certificated form shall be engraved, printed or otherwise reproduced at the discretion of the Depository in accordance with its customary practices in its American depositary receipt business, or at the request of the Company typewritten and photocopied on plain or safety paper, and shall be substantially in the form set forth in the form of ADR, with such changes as may be required by the Depository or the Company to comply with their obligations hereunder, any applicable law, regulation or usage or to indicate any special limitations or restrictions to which any particular ADRs are subject. ADRs may be issued in denominations of any number of ADSs. ADRs in certificated form shall be executed by the Depository by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depository. ADRs in certificated form bearing the facsimile signature of anyone who was at the time of execution a duly authorized officer of the Depository shall bind the Depository, notwithstanding that such officer has ceased to hold such office prior to the delivery of such ADRs.

The form of ADR shall bear the following legend:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SHARES DEPOSITED HEREUNDER WILL BE REGISTERED ON THE SHARE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE RUSSIAN SHARE REGISTRAR OF OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN) IN THE NAME OF MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK OR ITS NOMINEE OR OF THE CUSTODIAN OR ITS NOMINEE. HOLDERS AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT RUSSIA'S SYSTEM OF SHARE REGISTRATION AND CUSTODY CREATES CERTAIN RISKS OF LOSS THAT ARE NOT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S. AND OTHER SECURITIES MARKETS. THE DEPOSITARY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE UNAVAILABILITY OF SHARES OR FOR THE FAILURE TO MAKE ANY DISTRIBUTION OF CASH OR PROPERTY WITH RESPECT THERETO AS A RESULT OF SUCH UNAVAILABILITY.

THE DEPOSITARY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY RUSSIAN COUNSEL THAT COURTS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WILL NOT RECOGNIZE OR ENFORCE JUDGMENTS OBTAINED IN THE FEDERAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(b) Direct Registration ADRs. Notwithstanding anything in this Deposit Agreement or in the form of ADR to the contrary at such time as Direct Registration ADRs are permitted within the system of The Depository Trust Company, ADSs shall be evidenced by Direct Registration ADRs, unless certificated ADRs are specifically requested by the Holder.

(c) Holders shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement and of the form of ADR, regardless of whether their ADRs are Direct Registration ADRs or certificated ADRs.

3. Deposit of Shares. In connection with the deposit of Shares hereunder, the Depositary or the Custodian may require the following in form satisfactory to it: (a) a written order directing the Depositary to issue to, or upon the written order of, the person or persons designated in such order a Direct Registration ADR or ADRs evidencing the number of ADSs representing such deposited Shares (a "Delivery Order"); (b) proper endorsements or duly executed instruments of transfer in respect of such deposited Shares which will consist of (i) extracts from the Share Register and, if applicable, share certificates evidencing ownership of the Shares, (ii) a transfer deed or other similar document authorizing registration of the Shares in the name of the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective nominees, or endorsement, in form satisfactory to the Custodian, and (iii) where applicable, a purchase/sale contract or other similar document relating to the transfer of the Shares; (c) instruments assigning to the Custodian or its nominee any distribution on or in respect of such deposited Shares or indemnity therefor; and (d) proxies entitling the Custodian to vote such deposited Shares. As soon as practicable after the Custodian receives Deposited Securities pursuant to any such deposit or pursuant to paragraph (11) or (14) of the form of ADR, the Custodian shall present such Deposited Securities for registration of transfer into the name of the Custodian or its nominee, to the extent such registration is practicable, at the cost and expense of the person making such deposit (or for whose benefit such deposit is made) and shall obtain evidence satisfactory to it of such registration. Deposited Securities shall be held by the Custodian for the account and to the order of the Depositary at such place or places and in such manner as the Depositary shall determine. Deposited Securities may be delivered by the Custodian to any person only under the circumstances expressly contemplated in this Deposit Agreement.

No Share shall be accepted for deposit unless accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Depositary that (i) all conditions to such deposit have been satisfied by the person depositing such Shares under Russian laws and regulations, (ii) any necessary approval has been granted by any governmental body in the Russian Federation which is then performing the function of the regulation of currency exchange, (iii) all applicable taxes and governmental charges and the fees and expenses of the Depositary have been paid, (iv) the approval necessary for the establishment of the ADRs program has been granted by the governmental body in the Russian Federation which is performing the function of the securities regulation authority; and (v) as a result of such deposit the total number of the deposited Shares would not exceed the number of Shares allowed for the deposit by the governmental body in the Russian Federation which is performing the function of the securities regulation authority. If required by the Depositary, Shares presented for deposit at any time, whether or not the Share Register is closed, shall also be accompanied by an agreement or assignment, or other instrument satisfactory to the Depositary, which will provide for the prompt transfer to the Custodian of any dividend, or right to subscribe for additional Shares or to receive other property which any person in whose name the Shares are or have been recorded may thereafter receive upon or in respect of such deposited Shares, or in lieu thereof, such agreement of indemnity or other agreement as shall be satisfactory to the Depositary.

Upon each delivery to the Custodian of an extract or extracts from the Share Register evidencing ownership of the Shares by each person presenting Shares for deposit hereunder and, as applicable, a certificate for, or other documents evidencing title to, Shares to be deposited hereunder, together with the other documents specified in this Deposit Agreement, the Custodian or its agents, promptly after receipt of evidence that such transfer has been accomplished, shall present such extract or extracts, certificate or certificates or other documents as above specified to the Russian Share Registrar for transfer and recordation of the Shares being deposited in the name of the Depositary or its nominee or the Custodian or its nominee, and the Company shall ensure that such transfer and recordation is promptly effected. Records of ownership of Deposited Securities (including extracts from the Share Register) shall be held

by the Custodian for the account and to the order of the Depositary at such place or places and in such manner as the Depositary shall determine. The Depositary agrees to instruct the Custodian to place all Shares accepted for deposit under this Deposit Agreement into segregated accounts separate from any Shares of the Company that may be held by such Custodian under any other depositary receipt facility relating to the Shares.

Deposited Securities may be delivered by the Custodian to any person only under the circumstances expressly contemplated in this Deposit Agreement.

4. Issue of ADRs. After any such deposit of Shares, together with any other documents required by the Depositary in accordance with this Deposit Agreement, and upon receipt in form satisfactory to the Depositary or a proper acknowledgement or other evidence from the Company or the Russian Share Registrar (including extracts from the Share Register) that any Deposited Securities have been recorded on the Share Register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar in the name of the Depositary or its nominee or the Custodian or its nominee, the Custodian shall notify the Depositary of such deposit and of the information contained in any related Delivery Order by letter, first class airmail postage prepaid, or, at the request, risk and expense of the person making the deposit, by cable, telex, SWIFT, facsimile transmission or established overnight courier service. After receiving such notice from the Custodian, the Depositary, subject to this Deposit Agreement, shall properly issue at the Transfer Office, to or upon the order of any person named in such notice, an ADR or ADRs registered as requested and evidencing the aggregate ADSs to which such person is entitled.

5. Distributions on Deposited Securities. To the extent that the Depositary reasonably determines in its discretion that any distribution pursuant to paragraph (11) of the form of ADR is not reasonably practicable with respect to any Holder, the Depositary may make such distribution as it so deems practicable, including the distribution of foreign currency, securities or property (or appropriate documents evidencing the right to receive foreign currency, securities or property) or the retention thereof as Deposited Securities with respect to such Holder's ADRs (without liability for interest thereon or the investment thereof).

6. Withdrawal of Deposited Securities. In connection with any surrender of an ADR for withdrawal of the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced thereby, the Depositary may require proper endorsement in blank of such ADR (or duly executed instruments of transfer thereof in blank) and the Holder's written order directing the Depositary to cause the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced by such ADR to be withdrawn and delivered to, or upon the written order of, any person designated in such order (a "Withdrawal Order"). Directions from the Depositary to the Custodian to deliver Deposited Securities shall be given by letter, first class airmail postage prepaid, or, at the request, risk and expense of the Holder, by cable, telex, SWIFT, facsimile transmission or established overnight courier service. Delivery of Deposited Securities may be made by the delivery of (a) certificates (which, if required by law shall be properly endorsed or accompanied by properly executed instruments of transfer or, if such certificates may be registered, registered in the name of such Holder or as ordered by such Holder in any Withdrawal Order) or (b) other documents evidencing title (including extracts from the Share Register) in the name of such Holder, or as ordered by such Holder, without unreasonable delay, at the office of the Custodian. At the request, risk and expense of the Holder, the Depositary may deliver Deposited Securities (other than Shares) at the Depositary's Office. The Company shall ensure that transfer and recordation of the Deposited Securities into the name of the Holder or as directed by such Holder is effected within 72 hours of the Russian Share Registrar's receipt of such documentation as may be required by applicable law and regulation and the reasonable and customary internal regulations of the Russian Share Registrar, or as soon as applicable thereafter.

7. Substitution of ADRs. The Depository shall execute and deliver a new certificated ADR, or, if at such time Direct Registration ADRs are permitted within the system of The Depository Trust Company, a new Direct Registration ADR in exchange and substitution for any mutilated certificated ADR upon cancellation thereof or in lieu of and in substitution for such destroyed, lost or stolen certificated ADR, unless the Depository has notice that such ADR has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, upon the Holder thereof filing with the Depository a request for such execution and delivery and a sufficient indemnity bond and satisfying any other reasonable requirements imposed by the Depository.

8. Cancellation and Destruction of ADRs. All ADRs surrendered to the Depository shall be cancelled by the Depository. The Depository is authorized to destroy ADRs in certificated form so cancelled in accordance with its customary practices.

9. The Custodian. Any Custodian in acting hereunder shall be subject to the directions of the Depository and shall be responsible solely to it. The Depository may from time to time appoint one or more agents to act for it as Custodian hereunder in addition to or in lieu of the Custodian named in the form of ADR. Each Custodian so appointed (other than Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York) shall give written notice to the Company and the Depository accepting such appointment and agreeing to be bound by the applicable terms hereof. Any Custodian may resign from its duties hereunder by at least 30 days' written notice to the Depository. The Depository may discharge any Custodian at any time upon notice to the Custodian being discharged. Any Custodian ceasing to act hereunder as Custodian shall deliver, upon the instruction of the Depository, all Deposited Securities held by it to a Custodian continuing to act.

10. Co-Registrars and Co-Transfer Agents. The Depository may appoint and remove (i) co-registrars to register ADRs and transfers, combinations and split-ups of ADRs and to countersign ADRs in accordance with the terms of any such appointment and (ii) co-transfer agents for the purpose of effecting transfers, combinations and split-ups of ADRs at designated transfer offices in addition to the Transfer Office on behalf of the Depository. Each co-registrar or co-transfer agent (other than Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York) shall give notice in writing to the Company and the Depository accepting such appointment and agreeing to be bound by the applicable terms of this Deposit Agreement.

11. Lists of Holders. The Company shall have the right to inspect transfer records of the Depository and its agents and the ADR Register, take copies thereof and require the Depository and its agents to supply copies of such portions of such records as the Company may request. The Depository or its agent shall furnish to the Company promptly upon the written request of the Company, a list of the names, addresses and holdings of ADSs by all Holders as of a date within seven days of the Depository's receipt of such request.

12. Depository's Agents. The Depository may perform its obligations under this Deposit Agreement through any agent appointed by it, provided that the Depository shall notify the Company of such appointment and shall remain responsible for the performance of such obligations as if no agent were appointed.

13. Successor Depository. The Depository at any time may resign as Depository hereunder by written notice of its election so to do delivered to the Company. The Depository at any time may be removed by the Company by written notice of such removal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in case at any time the Depository acting hereunder shall resign or be removed, it shall continue to act as Depository for the purpose of terminating this Deposit Agreement pursuant to paragraph (18) of the form of ADR. Any bank or trust company into or with which the Depository may

be merged or consolidated, or to which the Depositary shall transfer substantially all its American depositary receipt business, shall be the successor of the Depositary without the execution or filing of any document or any further act.

14. Reports. On or before the first date on which the Company makes any communication available to holders of Deposited Securities or any securities regulatory authority or stock exchange, by publication or otherwise, the Company shall transmit to the Depositary a copy thereof in English or with an English translation or summary. The Company has delivered to the Depositary, the Custodian and any Transfer Office, a copy of all provisions of or governing the Shares and any other Deposited Securities issued by the Company or any affiliate of the Company and, promptly upon any change thereto, the Company shall deliver to the Depositary, the Custodian and any Transfer Office, a copy (in English or with an English translation) of such provisions as so changed. The Depositary and its agents may rely upon the Company's delivery thereof for all purposes of this Deposit Agreement.

15. Additional Shares. Neither the Company nor any company controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company shall issue additional Shares, rights to subscribe for Shares, securities convertible into or exchangeable for Shares or rights to subscribe for any such securities or shall deposit any Shares under this Deposit Agreement, except under circumstances complying in all respects with the Securities Act of 1933. The Depositary will use its best efforts to comply with reasonable written instructions of the Company not to accept for deposit hereunder any Shares identified in such instructions at such times and under such circumstances as may reasonably be specified in such instructions in order to facilitate the Company's compliance with securities laws in the United States.

16. Indemnification.

The Company shall indemnify, defend and save harmless each of the Depositary and its agents against any loss, liability or expense (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) which may arise out of (a) acts performed or omitted under the provisions of Deposit Agreement and/or of the ADRs, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance herewith (i) by either the Depositary or its agents or their respective directors, employees, agents and affiliates, except for any liability or expense due to its negligence or bad faith, or (ii) by the Company or any of its directors, employees, agents or affiliates, (b) any offer or sale of ADRs, ADSs, Shares or other Deposited Securities, and (c) the unavailability of Deposited Securities or the failure to make any distribution of Cash or Other Distributions with respect thereto as a result of (i) any act or failure to act of the Company or its agents, including the Russian Share Registrar, or their respective directors, employees, agents or affiliates, (ii) any provision of any present or future Charter of the Company or any other instrument of the Company governing Deposited Securities (iii) any provision of any securities issued or distributed by the Company, or any offering or distribution thereof, or (iv) any assessment (or purported assessment) against Shares or other Deposited Securities, or (d) any one or more of (a) – (c).

The indemnities set forth in the preceding paragraph shall apply to any liability or expense which may arise out of any misstatement or alleged misstatement or omission or alleged omission in any registration statement, proxy statement, prospectus (or placement memorandum), or preliminary prospectus (or preliminary placement memorandum) relating to the offer or sale of ADSs, except to the extent any such liability or expense arises out of (i) information relating to the Depositary or its agents (other than the Company), as applicable, furnished in writing by the Depositary and not changed or altered by the Company expressly for use in any of the foregoing documents or (ii) if such information is provided, the failure to state a material fact necessary to make the information provided not misleading.

The Depository shall indemnify, defend and save harmless the Company against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Company in respect of this Deposit Agreement to the extent such loss, liability or expense is due to the negligence or bad faith of the Depository.

Any person seeking indemnification hereunder (an "indemnified person ") shall notify the person from whom it is seeking indemnification (the "indemnifying person") of the commencement of any indemnifiable action or claim promptly after such indemnified person becomes aware of such commencement (provided that the failure to make such notification shall not affect such indemnified person's rights otherwise than under this Section 16 and shall only affect its rights hereunder to the limited extent such failure is prejudicial) in order to permit the indemnifying person to assume the defense of such action and shall consult in good faith with the indemnifying person as to the conduct of the defense of such action or claim, which shall be reasonable in the circumstances. No indemnified person shall compromise or settle any indemnifiable action or claim without the prior written consent of the indemnifying person (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

The obligations set forth in this Section 16 shall survive the termination of this Deposit Agreement and the succession or substitution of any indemnified person.

17. Notices. Notice to any Holder shall be deemed given when first mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the address of such Holder on the ADR Register or received by such Holder. Notice to the Depository or the Company shall be deemed given when first received by it at the address or facsimile transmission number set forth in (a) or (b), respectively, or at such other address or facsimile transmission number as either may specify to the other by written notice:

- (a) Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York
60 Wall Street (36th Floor)
New York, New York 10260
Attention: ADR Administration
Fax: (212) 648-5104 or 5105
- (b) OJSC Petersburg Telephone Network (PTN)
Bolshaya Morskaya st. 24
St. Petersburg, 191 186
Russia
Attention: General Director
Fax: 7 (812) 110 68 34 or 325 83 23

18. Miscellaneous. This Deposit Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the Company, the Depository, the Holders, and their respective successors hereunder, and shall not give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim whatsoever to any other person. The Holders and owners of ADRs from time to time shall be parties to this Deposit Agreement and shall be bound by all of the provisions hereof. If any such provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected thereby. This Deposit Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one instrument.

19. Registration of Shares; Russian Share Registrar; Share Registrar. (a) The Company hereby designates and appoints The National Registry Company, in the Russian Federation, as its Russian Share Registrar in respect of the Shares and Deposited Securities. The Company further agrees to take any and all action, including the filing of any and all such documents and instruments, as may be

necessary to continue such designation and appointment in full force and effect for so long as any ADSs or ADRs remain outstanding hereunder or this Agreement remains in force.

(b) The Company agrees that it shall, at any time and from time to time:

(i) take any and all action necessary to assure the accuracy and completeness of all information set forth in the Share Register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar in respect of the Shares or Deposited Securities;

(ii) provide or use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar to provide to the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents unrestricted access to the Share Registrar during ordinary business hours in Moscow, the Russian Federation, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Depository, in its reasonable discretion, may deem appropriate, to permit the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents to regularly (and in any event not less than monthly) confirm the number of Deposited Securities registered in the name of the Depository, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of the Deposit Agreement and, in connection therewith, to provide the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents, upon request, with a duplicate extract from the Share Register duly certified by the Russian Share Registrar (or some other evidence of verification which the Depository, in its reasonable discretion, deems sufficient);

(iii) use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar promptly (and, in any event, within 72 hours of the Russian Share Registrar's receipt of such documentation as may be required by applicable law and regulation and the reasonable and customary internal regulations of the Russian Share Registrar, or as soon as practicable thereafter) to effect the re-registration of ownership of Deposited Securities in the Share Registrar in connection with any deposit or withdrawal of Shares or Deposited Securities under this Deposit Agreement;

(iv) permit and use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar to permit the Depository or the Custodian to register any Shares or other Deposited Securities held hereunder in the name of the Depository, the Custodian or their respective nominees (which may, but need not be, a non-resident of the Russian Federation); and

(v) use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar promptly to notify the Depository in writing at any time that the Russian Share Registrar (A) eliminates the name of a shareholder of the Company from the Share Register or otherwise alters a shareholder's interest in the Company's shares and such shareholder alleges to the Company or the Russian Share Registrar or publicly that such elimination or alteration is unlawful; (B) no longer will be able materially to comply with, or has engaged in conduct that indicates it will not materially comply with, the provisions of this Deposit Agreement relating to it (including, without limitation, this Section 19); (C) refuses to re-register shares of the Company in the name of a particular purchaser and such purchaser (or its respective seller) alleges that such refusal is unlawful; (D) holds Shares of the Company for its own account; or (E) has materially breached the provisions of this Deposit Agreement relating to it (including, without limitation, this Section 19) and has failed to cure such breach within a reasonable time.

(c) The Company agrees that it shall be solely liable for any act or failure to act on the part of the Russian Share Registrar and that the Company shall be solely liable for the unavailability of Deposited Securities or for the failure of the Depository to make any distribution of Cash or Other Distributions (as hereinafter defined) with respect thereto as a result of (i) any act or failure to act of the Company or its agents, including the Russian Share Registrar, or their respective directors, employees, agents or affiliates, (ii) any provision of any present or future Charter of the Company or any other

instrument of the Company governing the Deposited Securities, or (iii) any provision of any securities issued or distributed by the Company, or any offering or distribution thereof.

(d) The Depositary agrees for the benefit of Holders and Beneficial Owners that the Depositary or the Custodian shall confirm regularly (and in any event not less than monthly) the number of Deposited Securities registered in the name of the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of this Deposit Agreement. The Company and the Depositary agree that, for the purposes of the rights and obligations under this Deposit Agreement of the parties hereto, the records of the Depositary and the Custodian shall be controlling for all purposes with respect to the number of Shares or other Deposited Securities which should be registered in the name of the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of this Deposit Agreement. The Depositary agrees that it will instruct the Custodian to maintain custody of all duplicate share extracts (or other evidence of verification) provided to the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective agents pursuant to Section 19(b). In the event of any material discrepancy between the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and the Share Register, then, if the Depositary has actual knowledge of such discrepancy, the Depositary shall notify the Company promptly. In event of discrepancy between the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and the Share Register, the Company agrees that (whether or not it has received any notification from the Depositary) it will (i) use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar to reconcile its records to the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and to make such corrections or revisions in the Share Register as may be necessary in connection therewith, and (ii) to the extent the Company is unable to so reconcile such records, promptly instruct the Depositary to notify the Holders of the existence of such discrepancy. Upon receipt of the Company's instruction to notify the Holders of such discrepancy, the Depositary shall give such notification promptly to the Holders pursuant to Section 17 (it being understood that the Depositary at any time may give such notification to the Holders, whether or not it has received instructions from the Company) and shall promptly cease issuing ADRs until such time as, in the opinion of the Depositary, such records have been appropriately reconciled.

20. Arbitration; Settlement of Disputes. (a) Any controversy, claim or cause of action brought by any party hereto against the Company arising out of or relating to the Shares or other Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or this Deposit Agreement, or the breach hereof or thereof, shall be referred to, and finally resolved by, arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the London Court of International Arbitration (the LCIA Rules) in effect on the date of this Agreement, which Rules are deemed incorporated by reference into this paragraph. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof; provided, that in the event of any third party litigation to which the Depositary is a party and to which the Company may be properly be joined, the Company may be so joined in any court in which such litigation is proceeding; and provided further, that any such controversy, claim or cause of action relating to or based upon the provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder may, but need not, be submitted to arbitration as provided in this Section 20.

The place of the arbitration shall be London, England, and the language of the arbitration shall be English.

The number of arbitrators shall be three, each of whom shall be disinterested in the dispute or controversy, shall have no connection with any party thereto, and shall be an attorney reasonably experienced in international securities transactions. If a dispute, controversy or cause of action shall involve more than two parties, the parties shall attempt to align themselves in two sides (i.e., claimant and respondent), each of which shall appoint one arbitrator as if there were only two parties to such dispute, controversy or cause of action. If such alignment and appointment shall have not occurred within twenty

(20) calendar days after the initiating party serves the arbitration demand, the London Court of International Arbitration shall appoint the three arbitrators. The parties and the London Court of International Arbitration may appoint from among the nationals of any country, whether or not a party is a national of that country, provided, however, that the chairman of the arbitral tribunal shall not be a national of the country of any party unless there is express written agreement otherwise.

The arbitrators shall have no authority to award punitive or other damages not measured by the prevailing party's actual damages and may not, in any event, make any ruling, finding or award that does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(b) Any controversy, claim or cause of action rising out of or relating to the Shares or other Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or this Deposit Agreement not subject to arbitration shall be litigated in the Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan.

21. Submission to Jurisdiction; Appointment of Agent for Service of Process. The Company hereby (i) irrevocably designates and appoints Puglisi & Associates, presently having its office at 850 Library Avenue, Suite 204, Newark, Delaware 19711, United States of America, as the Company's authorized agent upon which process may be served in any suit or proceeding (including, but not limited to, any arbitral proceeding as contemplated by Section 20 of this Deposit Agreement) arising out of or relating to the Shares or Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or this Agreement, (ii) consents and submits to the jurisdiction of any court in which any such suit or proceeding may be instituted, and (iii) agrees that service of process upon said authorized agent shall be deemed in every respect effective service of process upon the Company in any such suit or proceeding. The Company agrees to deliver, upon the execution and delivery of this Deposit Agreement, a written acceptance by such agent of its appointment. The Company further agrees to take any and all action, including the filing of any and all such documents and instruments, as may be necessary to continue such designation and appointment in full force and effect for so long as any ADSs or ADRs remain outstanding or this Agreement remains in force. In the event the Company fails to continue such designation and appointment in full force and effect, the Company hereby waives personal service of process upon it and consents that any such service of process may be made by established overnight courier service or certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, directed to the Company at its address last specified for notices hereunder, and service so made shall be deemed completed five (5) days after the same shall have been so mailed.

22. Waiver of Immunities. To the extent that the Company or any of its properties, assets or revenues may have or may hereafter become entitled to, or have attributed to it, any right of immunity, on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise, from any legal action, suit or proceeding, from the giving of any relief in any respect thereof, from setoff or counterclaim, from the jurisdiction of any court, from service of process, from attachment upon or prior to judgment, from attachment in aid of execution or judgment, or from execution of judgment, or other legal process or proceeding for the giving of any relief or for the enforcement of any judgment, in any jurisdiction in which proceedings may at any time be commenced, with respect to its obligations, liabilities or any other matter under or arising out of or in connection with the Shares or Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or this Deposit Agreement, the Company, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, and agrees not to plead or claim, any such immunity and consents to such relief and enforcement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN) and MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK have duly executed this Deposit Agreement as of the day and year first above set forth and all holders of ADRs shall become parties hereto upon acceptance by them of ADRs issued in accordance with the terms hereof.

OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK
(PTN)

By: _____
Name: Sergey V. Soldatenkov
Title: General Director

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF
NEW YORK

By: _____
Name: Joseph D. Dooley
Title: Vice President

EXHIBIT A
ANNEXED TO AND INCORPORATED
IN DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

[FORM OF FACE OF ADR]

_____ Number

No. of ADSs:

_____ Each ADS represents
Fifty (50) Shares

CUSIP:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SHARES DEPOSITED HEREUNDER WILL BE REGISTERED ON THE SHARE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE RUSSIAN SHARE REGISTRAR OF OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN) IN THE NAME OF MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK OR ITS NOMINEE OR OF THE CUSTODIAN OR ITS NOMINEE. HOLDERS AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT RUSSIA'S SYSTEM OF SHARE REGISTRATION AND CUSTODY CREATES CERTAIN RISKS OF LOSS THAT ARE NOT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S. AND OTHER SECURITIES MARKETS. THE DEPOSITARY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE UNAVAILABILITY OF SHARES OR FOR THE FAILURE TO MAKE ANY DISTRIBUTION OF CASH OR PROPERTY WITH RESPECT THERETO AS A RESULT OF SUCH UNAVAILABILITY.

THE DEPOSITARY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY RUSSIAN COUNSEL THAT COURTS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WILL NOT RECOGNIZE OR ENFORCE JUDGMENTS OBTAINED IN THE FEDERAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPT

evidencing

AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES

representing

COMMON SHARES

of

OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN)

(Incorporated under the
laws of the Russian Federation)

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, a New York corporation, as depositary hereunder (the "Depositary"), hereby certifies that _____ is the registered owner (a "Holder") of _____ American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each (subject to paragraph (14)) representing fifty (50) shares of common stock (including the rights to receive Shares described in paragraph (1),

"Shares" and, together with any other securities, cash or property from time to time held by the Depositary in respect or in lieu of deposited Shares, the "Deposited Securities"), of OJSC PETERSBURG TELEPHONE NETWORK (PTN), a corporation organized under the laws of the Russian Federation (the "Company"), deposited at the Moscow, Russian Federation office of ING Bank (Eurasia) ZAO, as Custodian (subject to paragraph (16), the "Custodian"), under the Deposit Agreement dated as of September 4, 2001 (as amended from time to time, the "Deposit Agreement") among the Company, the Depositary and all Holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder ("ADRs"), each of whom by accepting an ADR becomes a party thereto. The Deposit Agreement and this ADR (which includes provisions set forth on the reverse hereof) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except with respect to its authorization and execution by the Company, which shall be governed by the laws of the Russian Federation.

(1) Issuance of ADRs. This ADR is one of the ADRs issued under the Deposit Agreement. Subject to paragraph (4), the Depositary may so issue ADRs for delivery at the Transfer Office (defined in paragraph (3)) only against deposit with the Custodian of: (a) Shares in form satisfactory to the Custodian; (b) rights to receive Shares from the Company or any registrar, transfer agent, clearing agent or other entity recording Share ownership or transactions; or, (c) other rights to receive Shares (until such Shares are actually deposited pursuant to (a) or (b) above, "Pre-released ADRs") only if (i) Pre-released ADRs are fully collateralized (marked to market daily) with cash or U.S. government securities held by the Depositary for the benefit of Holders (but such collateral shall not constitute "Deposited Securities"), (ii) each recipient of Pre-released ADRs agrees in writing with the Depositary that such recipient (a) owns such Shares, (b) assigns all beneficial right, title and interest therein to the Depositary, (c) holds such Shares for the account of the Depositary and (d) will deliver such Shares to the Custodian as soon as practicable and promptly upon demand therefor and (iii) all Pre-released ADRs evidence not more than 30% of all ADSs (excluding those evidenced by Pre-released ADRs), provided, however, that the Depositary reserves the right to change or disregard such limit from time to time as it reasonably deems appropriate. The Depositary may retain for its own account any earnings on collateral for Pre-released ADRs and its charges for issuance thereof. At the request, risk and expense of the person depositing Shares, the Depositary may accept deposits for forwarding to the Custodian and may deliver ADRs at a place other than its office. Every person depositing Shares under the Deposit Agreement represents and warrants that such Shares are validly issued and outstanding, fully paid, nonassessable and free of pre-emptive rights, that the person making such deposit is duly authorized so to do and that such Shares (A) are not "restricted securities" as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933 unless at the time of deposit they may be freely transferred in accordance with Rule 144(k) and may otherwise be offered and sold freely in the United States or (B) have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933. Such representations and warranties shall survive the deposit of Shares and issuance of ADRs. The Depositary will not knowingly accept for deposit under the Deposit Agreement any Shares required to be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and not so registered; the Depositary may refuse to accept for such deposit any Shares identified by the Company in order to facilitate the Company's compliance with such Act.

(2) Withdrawal of Deposited Securities. Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), upon surrender of (i) a certificated ADR in form satisfactory to the Depositary at the Transfer Office or (ii) proper instructions and documentation in the case of a Direct Registration ADR, the Holder hereof is entitled to delivery at the Custodian's office of the Deposited Securities at the time represented by the ADSs evidenced by this ADR. At the request, risk and expense of the Holder hereof, the Depositary may deliver such Deposited Securities at such other place as may have been requested by the Holder. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Deposit Agreement or this ADR, the withdrawal of Deposited Securities may be restricted only for the reasons set forth in General Instruction I.A.(1) of Form F-6 (as such instructions may be amended from time to time) under the Securities Act of 1933.

(3) Transfers of ADRs. The Depository or its agent will keep, at a designated transfer office in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York (the "Transfer Office"), (a) a register (the "ADR Register") for the registration, registration of transfer, combination and split-up of ADRs, and, in the case of Direct Registration ADRs, shall include the Direct Registration System, which at all reasonable times will be open for inspection by Holders and the Company for the purpose of communicating with Holders in the interest of the business of the Company or a matter relating to the Deposit Agreement and (b) facilities for the delivery and receipt of ADRs. The term ADR Register includes the Direct Registration System. Title to this ADR (and to the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced hereby), when properly endorsed (in the case of ADRs in certificated form) or upon delivery to the Depository of proper instruments of transfer, is transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State of New York; provided that the Depository, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, may treat the person in whose name this ADR is registered on the ADR Register as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes. Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), this ADR is transferable on the ADR Register and may be split into other ADRs or combined with other ADRs into one ADR, evidencing the same number of ADSs evidenced by this ADR, by the Holder hereof or by duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this ADR at the Transfer Office properly endorsed (in the case of ADRs in certificated form) or upon delivery to the Depository of proper instruments of transfer and duly stamped as may be required by applicable law; provided that the Depository may close the ADR Register at any time or from time to time when reasonably deemed expedient by it or requested by the Company. At the request of a Holder, the Depository shall, for the purpose of substituting a certificated ADR with a Direct Registration ADR, or vice versa, execute and deliver a certificated ADR or a Direct Registration ADR, as the case may be, for any authorized number of ADSs requested, evidencing the same aggregate number of ADSs as those evidenced by the certificated ADR or Direct Registration ADR, as the case may be, substituted.

(4) Certain Limitations. Prior to the issue, registration, registration of transfer, split-up or combination of any ADR, the delivery of any distribution in respect thereof, or, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (2), the withdrawal of any Deposited Securities, and from time to time in the case of clause (b)(ii) of this paragraph (4), the Company, the Depository or the Custodian may require: (a) payment with respect thereto of (i) any stock transfer or other tax or other governmental charge, (ii) any stock transfer or registration fees in effect for the registration of transfers of Shares or other Deposited Securities upon any applicable register and (iii) any applicable charges as provided in paragraph (7) of this ADR; (b) the production of proof satisfactory to it of (i) the identity and genuineness of any signature and (ii) such other information, including without limitation, information as to citizenship, residence, exchange control approval, beneficial ownership of any securities, compliance with applicable law, regulations, provisions of or governing Deposited Securities and terms of the Deposit Agreement and this ADR, as it may deem necessary or proper; and (c) compliance with such regulations as the Depository may establish consistent with the Deposit Agreement. The issuance of ADRs, the acceptance of deposits of Shares, the registration, registration of transfer, split-up or combination of ADRs or, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (2), the withdrawal of Deposited Securities may be suspended, generally or in particular instances, when the ADR Register or any register for Deposited Securities is closed or when any such action is deemed advisable by the Depository or the Company.

(5) Taxes. If any tax or other governmental charge shall become payable by or on behalf of the Custodian or the Depository with respect to this ADR, any Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced hereby or any distribution thereon, such tax or other governmental charge shall be paid by the Holder hereof to the Depository. The Depository may refuse to effect any registration, registration of transfer, split-up or combination hereof or, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (2), any withdrawal of such Deposited Securities until such payment is made. The Depository also may deduct from any distributions on or in respect of Deposited Securities, or may sell by public or private sale for the account of the Holder hereof any part or all of such Deposited Securities (after attempting by reasonable means to

notify the Holder hereof prior to such sale), and may apply such deduction or the proceeds of any such sale in payment of such tax or other governmental charge, the Holder hereof remaining liable for any deficiency, and shall reduce the number of ADSs evidenced hereby to reflect any such sales of Shares. In connection with any distribution to Holders, the Company will remit to the appropriate governmental authority or agency all amounts (if any) required to be withheld and owing to such authority or agency by the Company; and the Depositary and the Custodian will remit to the appropriate governmental authority or agency all amounts (if any) required to be withheld and owing to such authority or agency by the Depositary or the Custodian. If the Depositary determines that any distribution in property other than cash (including Shares or rights) on Deposited Securities is subject to any tax that the Depositary or the Custodian is obligated to withhold, the Depositary may dispose of all or a portion of such property in such amounts and in such manner as the Depositary deems reasonably necessary and practicable to pay such taxes, by public or private sale, and the Depositary shall distribute the net proceeds of any such sale or the balance of any such property after deduction of such taxes to the Holders entitled thereto.

(6) Disclosure of Interests. To the extent that the provisions of or governing any Deposited Securities (including the Company's Charter or applicable law) may require disclosure of or impose limits on beneficial or other ownership of Deposited Securities, other Shares and other securities and may provide for blocking, transfer, voting or other rights to enforce such disclosure or limits, Holders and all persons holding ADRs agree to comply with all such disclosure requirements and ownership limitations and to cooperate with the Depositary in the Depositary's compliance with any Company instructions in respect thereof, and the Depositary will use reasonable efforts to comply with such Company instructions.

(7) Charges of Depositary. The Depositary may charge each person to whom ADRs are issued against deposits of Shares, including deposits in respect of Share Distributions, Rights and Other Distributions (as such terms are defined in paragraph (11)), and each person surrendering ADRs for withdrawal of Deposited Securities (including, without limitation, on the termination of the Deposit Agreement), U.S.\$5.00 or less for each 100 ADSs (or portion thereof) evidenced by the ADRs delivered or surrendered. The Depositary may sell (by public or private sale) sufficient securities and property received in respect of Share Distributions, Rights and Other Distributions prior to such deposit to pay such charge. The Company will pay all other charges and expenses of the Depositary and any agent of the Depositary (except the Custodian) pursuant to agreements from time to time between the Company and the Depositary, except (i) stock transfer or other taxes and other governmental charges (which are payable by Holders or persons depositing Shares), (ii) cable, telex and facsimile transmission and delivery charges incurred at the request of persons depositing, or Holders delivering Shares, ADRs or Deposited Securities (which are payable by such persons or Holders), (iii) transfer or registration fees for the registration of transfer of Deposited Securities on any applicable register in connection with the deposit or withdrawal of Deposited Securities (which are payable by persons depositing Shares or Holders withdrawing Deposited Securities; there are no such fees in respect of the Shares as of the date of the Deposit Agreement), (iv) expenses of the Depositary in connection with the conversion of foreign currency into U.S. dollars (which are paid out of such foreign currency), (v) (i) a fee of \$.02 or less per ADS (or portion thereof) for any Cash distribution made pursuant to the Deposit Agreement and (vi) a fee of \$.01 or less per ADS (or portion thereof) per year to cover such expenses as are incurred for inspections by the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective agents of the Share Register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar (which fee shall be assessed against Holders of record as of the date set by the Depositary in accordance with paragraph (12) hereof not more often than once each calendar year). These charges may be changed in the manner indicated in paragraph (17).

(8) Depositary's Agents. The Depositary may perform its obligations under this Deposit Agreement through any agent appointed by it, provided that the Depositary shall notify the Company of such appointment and shall remain responsible for the performance of such obligations as if no such agent were appointed. With respect to any and all losses, damages, costs, judgments, expenses and other liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) (collectively referred to as "Losses")

incurred by any Holder or Beneficial Owner as a result of the acts or failure to act by such agent or attorney (or, in the case of the Custodian, only such damages as are described below), the Depositary shall take appropriate action to recover such Losses from such agent or attorney and as promptly as practicable shall distribute any amounts so recovered (exclusive of costs and expenses incurred by the Depositary in connection with recovering such Losses which are not reimbursed by such agent or attorney, including, without limitation, the Custodian) to the Holders and Beneficial Owners entitled thereto; and the Depositary's sole responsibility and liability to such Holders and Beneficial Owners shall be limited to amounts so received from such agent or attorney (exclusive of costs and expenses incurred by the Depositary in connection with recovering such Losses which are not reimbursed by such agent or attorney, including, without limitation, the Custodian).

The liability of the Custodian is set forth in the Custody Agreement between the Depositary and the Custodian (the "Custody Agreement"). Under the terms of the Custodian Operating Agreement, the Custodian is only liable for its breach of the Custody Agreement, its negligence, willful default or fraud in connection with the performance of its obligations thereunder and for loss of Shares or funds held in custody under the Custody Agreement. In each case, the liability of the Custodian with respect to the loss of Shares or funds will be limited to direct (but not indirect, including consequential) losses incurred by Holders and Beneficial Owners.

Moreover, only the Depositary, acting on behalf of Holders and Beneficial Owners, will be permitted to bring claims against the Custodian in respect of such losses incurred by Holders and Beneficial Owners as a result of the acts of, or the failure to act by, the Custodian. Any such claims by the Depositary against the Custodian will be resolved exclusively by arbitration. The Depositary agrees to promptly remit to Holders any amounts recovered from such claims (exclusive of costs and expenses incurred by the Depositary in connection with recovering such losses which are not reimbursed by the Custodian and net of any losses incurred by the Depositary). The Depositary shall have no other responsibility or liability to Holders or Beneficial Owners with respect to the acts of, or the failure to act by, the Custodian or for the unavailability of the Shares or the failure to make any distribution of cash or property with respect thereto as a result of such unavailability.

The liability of the Custodian for such losses incurred by Holders and Beneficial Owners, the obligation of the Depositary to bring claims against the Custodian for such losses and the method by which such claims may be brought are subject to the terms and conditions of the Custody Agreement, a copy of which is available from the Depositary upon the written request of any Holder.

(9) Available Information. The Deposit Agreement, the provisions of or governing Deposited Securities and any written communications from the Company, which are both received by the Custodian or its nominee as a holder of Deposited Securities and made generally available to the holders of Deposited Securities, are available for inspection by Holders at the offices of the Depositary and the Custodian and at the Transfer Office. The Depositary will mail copies of such communications (or English translations or summaries thereof) to Holders when furnished by the Company.

The Company furnishes the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") with certain public reports and documents required by the laws of the Russian Federation or otherwise under Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such reports and documents may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission located at the date of the Deposit Agreement at Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

(10) Execution. This ADR shall not be valid for any purpose unless executed by the Depositary by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary.

Dated:

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF
NEW YORK, as Depositary

By

Authorized Officer

The Depositary's office is located at 60 Wall Street, New York, New York 10260.

[FORM OF REVERSE OF ADR]

(11) Distributions on Deposited Securities. Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), to the extent practicable, the Depositary will distribute by mail to each Holder entitled thereto on the record date set by the Depositary therefor at such Holder's address shown on the ADR Register, in proportion to the number of Deposited Securities (on which the following distributions on Deposited Securities are received by the Custodian) represented by ADSs evidenced by such Holder's ADRs: (a) Cash. Any U.S. dollars available to the Depositary resulting from a cash dividend or other cash distribution or the net proceeds of sales of any other distribution or portion thereof authorized in this paragraph (11) ("Cash"), on an averaged or other practicable basis, subject to (i) appropriate adjustments for taxes withheld, (ii) such distribution being impermissible or impracticable with respect to certain Holders, and (iii) deduction of the Depositary's expenses in (1) converting any foreign currency to U.S. dollars by sale or in such other manner as the Depositary may determine to the extent that it determines that such conversion may be made on a reasonable basis, (2) transferring foreign currency or U.S. dollars to the United States by such means as the Depositary may determine to the extent that it determines that such transfer may be made on a reasonable basis, (3) obtaining any approval or license of any governmental authority required for such conversion or transfer, which is obtainable at a reasonable cost and within a reasonable time and (4) making any sale by public or private means in any commercially reasonable manner. (b) Shares. (i) Additional ADRs evidencing whole ADSs representing any Shares available to the Depositary resulting from a dividend or free distribution on Deposited Securities consisting of Shares (a "Share Distribution") and (ii) U.S. dollars available to it resulting from the net proceeds of sales of Shares received in a Share Distribution, which Shares would give rise to fractional ADSs if additional ADRs were issued therefor, as in the case of Cash. (c) Rights. (i) Warrants or other instruments in the discretion of the Depositary representing rights to acquire additional ADRs in respect of any rights to subscribe for additional Shares or rights of any nature available to the Depositary as a result of a distribution on Deposited Securities ("Rights"), to the extent that the Company timely furnishes to the Depositary evidence satisfactory to the Depositary that the Depositary may lawfully distribute the same (the Company has no obligation to so furnish such evidence), or (ii) to the extent the Company does not so furnish such evidence and sales of Rights are practicable, any U.S. dollars available to the Depositary from the net proceeds of sales of Rights as in the case of Cash, or (iii) to the extent the Company does not so furnish such evidence and such sales cannot practicably be accomplished by reason of the nontransferability of the Rights, limited markets therefor, their short duration or otherwise, nothing (and any Rights may lapse). (d) Other Distributions. (i) Securities or property available to the Depositary resulting from any distribution on Deposited Securities other than Cash, Share Distributions and Rights ("Other Distributions"), by any means that the Depositary may deem equitable and practicable, or (ii) to the extent the Depositary deems distribution of such securities or property not to be equitable and practicable, any U.S. dollars available to the Depositary from the net proceeds of sales of Other Distributions as in the case of Cash. Such U.S. dollars available will be distributed by checks drawn on a bank in the United States for whole dollars and cents (any fractional cents being withheld without liability for interest and added to future Cash distributions).

(12) Record Dates. The Depositary, after consultation with the Company if practicable, may fix a record date (which shall be as near as practicable to any corresponding record date set by the Company) for the determination of the Holders who shall be entitled to receive any distribution on or in respect of Deposited Securities, to give instructions for the exercise of any voting rights, for the determination of the Holders who shall be responsible for the fee assessed by the Depositary for inspection of the Share Register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar, to receive any notice or to act in respect of other matters and only such Holders shall be so entitled.

(13) Voting of Deposited Securities.

As soon as practicable after receipt from the Company of notice of any meeting or solicitation of consents or proxies of holders of Shares or other Deposited Securities, , the Depositary shall mail to Holders a notice stating (a) such information as is contained in such notice and any solicitation materials, (b) that each Holder on the record date set by the Depositary therefor will be entitled to instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights, if any, pertaining to the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced by such Holder's ADRs and (c) the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon receipt of instructions of a Holder on such record date in the manner and on or before the date established by the Depositary for such purpose, the Depositary shall endeavor insofar as practicable and permitted under the provisions of or governing Deposited Securities to vote or cause to be voted the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced by such Holder's ADRs in accordance with such instructions. The Depositary shall not vote or attempt to exercise the right to vote that attaches to the Shares or other Deposited Securities, other than in accordance with such instructions. Deposited Securities underlying ADSs for which no voting instructions have been received from Holders shall not be counted as being present for the calculation of a quorum at any meeting of the Company.

At the request of the Company, the Depositary shall deliver, at least two business days prior to the date of such meeting, a schedule of all instructions received from Holders in accordance with which the Depositary will vote or cause to be voted, the Deposited Securities represented by the ADSs evidenced by such ADRs at such meeting and corresponding information indicating the number of copies of instructions to be delivered and the period of time that is required by the Depositary to furnish copies of all such information and the Company and the Depositary will agree upon a schedule for such delivery and the costs to be paid therefor by the Company. Delivery of instructions will be made at the expense of the Company (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Company and the Depositary).

The Company agrees to make the notice and any solicitation material for any such meeting available to Beneficial Owners in a timely manner, and in any event no less than 28 days prior to the date of the relevant meeting of holders of Shares, in order to allow such Beneficial Owners to provide voting instructions to the relevant Holder. For the avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Company shall bear the sole responsibility for distributing any notices and solicitation materials to Beneficial Owners pursuant to the foregoing procedures, and the Depositary shall assist the Company in conducting such distribution and shall not be liable for the failure of the Company to do so or to do so in a timely manner. The Company and the Depositary agree to cooperate with each other in connection with the voting procedures described in this paragraph (13).

(14) Changes Affecting Deposited Securities. Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), the Depositary, in its discretion, may amend this ADR or distribute additional or amended ADRs (with or without calling this ADR for exchange) or cash, securities or property on the record date set by the Depositary therefor to reflect any change in nominal value, split-up, consolidation, cancellation or other reclassification of Deposited Securities, any Share Distribution or Other Distribution not distributed to Holders or any cash, securities or property available to the Depositary in respect of Deposited Securities from (and the Depositary is hereby authorized to surrender any Deposited Securities to any person and to sell by public or private sale any property received in connection with) any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, liquidation, receivership, bankruptcy or sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company, and to the extent the Depositary does not so amend this ADR or make a distribution to Holders to reflect any of the foregoing, or the net proceeds thereof, whatever cash, securities or property results from any of the foregoing shall constitute Deposited Securities and each ADS evidenced by this ADR automatically shall represent its pro rata interest in the Deposited Securities as then constituted.

(15) Exoneration. The Depositary, the Company, their agents and each of them shall: (a) incur no liability (i) if law, regulation, the provisions of or governing any Deposited Securities, act of God, war or other circumstance beyond its control shall prevent, delay or subject to any civil or criminal

penalty any act which the Deposit Agreement or this ADR provides shall be done or performed by it or them (including, without limitation, voting pursuant to paragraph (13) hereof), or (ii) by reason of any exercise or failure to exercise any discretion given it or them in the Deposit Agreement or this ADR; (b) assume no liability except to perform its or their obligations to the extent they are specifically set forth in this ADR and the Deposit Agreement without gross negligence or bad faith; (c) in the case of the Depositary and its agents, be under no obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of any Deposited Securities or this ADR; (d) in the case of the Company and its agents hereunder be under no obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of any Deposited Securities or this ADR, which in its or their opinion may involve it or them in expense or liability, unless indemnity satisfactory to it or them against all expense (including fees and disbursements of counsel) and liability be furnished as often as may be required; or (e) not be liable for any action or inaction by it or them in reliance upon the advice of or information from legal counsel, accountants, any person presenting Shares for deposit, any Holder, or any other person believed by it or them to be competent to give such advice or information provided, however, that in the case of the Company, advice of or information from legal counsel is from recognized U.S. counsel for U.S. legal issues, recognized Russian counsel for Russian legal issues and recognized counsel of any other jurisdiction for legal issues with respect to that jurisdiction. The Depositary, its agents and the Company may rely and shall be protected in acting upon any written notice, request, direction or other document believed by them to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. The Depositary and its agents will not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instructions to vote any of the Deposited Securities (provided such action or omission is in good faith), for the manner in which any such vote is cast or for the effect of any such vote. The Depositary and its agents may own and deal in any class of securities of the Company and its affiliates and in ADRs. The Depositary shall not be liable to the Company, any Holder or Beneficial Owner or any other person for the unavailability of the Deposited Securities or for the failure to make any distribution of Cash or Other Distributions with respect thereto as a result of (a) any act or failure to act of the Company or its agents, including the Russian Share Registrar, or its or their respective directors, employees, agents or affiliates, (b) any provision of any present or future law or regulation of the United States, the Russian Federation or any other country, (c) any provision of any present or future regulation of any governmental or regulatory authority or stock exchange, (d) any provision of any present or future Charter of the Company or any other instrument of the Company governing Deposited Securities or (e) any provision of any securities issued or distributed by the Company, or any offering or distribution thereof. The Company has agreed to indemnify the Depositary and its agents under certain circumstances, and the Depositary has agreed to indemnify the Company against losses incurred by the Company to the extent such losses are due to the negligence or bad faith of the Depositary. No disclaimer of liability under the Securities Act of 1933 is intended by any provision hereof.

(16) Resignation and Removal of Depositary; the Custodian. The Depositary may resign as Depositary by written notice of its election to do so delivered to the Company, or be removed as Depositary by the Company by written notice of such removal delivered to the Depositary. The Depositary may appoint substitute or additional Custodians and the term "Custodian" refers to each Custodian or all Custodians as the context requires.

(17) Amendment. Subject to the last sentence of paragraph (2), the ADRs and the Deposit Agreement may be amended by the Company and the Depositary, provided that any amendment that imposes or increases any fees or charges (other than stock transfer or other taxes and other governmental charges, transfer or registration fees, cable, telex or facsimile transmission costs, delivery costs or other such expenses), or that shall otherwise prejudice any substantial existing right of Holders, shall become effective 30 days after notice of such amendment shall have been given to the Holders. Every Holder of an ADR at the time any amendment to the Deposit Agreement so becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such ADR, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the Deposit

Agreement as amended thereby. In no event shall any amendment impair the right of the Holder of any ADR to surrender such ADR and receive the Deposited Securities represented thereby, except in order to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law. Any amendments or supplements which (i) are reasonably necessary (as agreed by the Company and the Depository) in order for (a) the ADSs to be registered on Form F-6 under the Securities Act of 1933 or (b) the ADSs or Shares to be traded solely in electronic book-entry form and (ii) do not in either such case impose or increase any fees or charges to be borne by Holders, shall be deemed not to prejudice any substantial rights of Holders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any governmental body should adopt new laws, rules or regulations which would require amendment or supplement of the Deposit Agreement or the form of ADR to ensure compliance therewith, the Company and the Depository may amend or supplement the Deposit Agreement and the ADR at any time in accordance with such changed rules. Such amendment or supplement to the Deposit Agreement in such circumstances may become effective before a notice of such amendment or supplement is given to Holders or within any other period of time as required for compliance.

(18) Termination. Upon the resignation or removal of the Depository pursuant to the Deposit Agreement, the Depository may, and shall at the written direction of the Company, terminate the Deposit Agreement and this ADR by mailing notice of such termination to the Holders at least 30 days prior to the date fixed in such notice for such termination. After the date so fixed for termination, the Depository and its agents will perform no further acts under the Deposit Agreement and this ADR, except to receive and hold (or sell) distributions on Deposited Securities and deliver Deposited Securities being withdrawn. As soon as practicable after the expiration of six months from the date so fixed for termination, the Depository shall sell the Deposited Securities and shall thereafter (as long as it may lawfully do so) hold in a segregated account the net proceeds of such sales, together with any other cash then held by it under the Deposit Agreement, without liability for interest, in trust for the pro rata benefit of the Holders of ADRs not theretofore surrendered. After making such sale, the Depository shall be discharged from all obligations in respect of the Deposit Agreement and this ADR, except to account for such net proceeds and other cash. After the date so fixed for termination, the Company shall be discharged from all obligations under the Deposit Agreement except for its obligations to the Depository and its agents.

(19) Arbitration; Waiver of Immunities. The Deposit Agreement provides that any controversy, claim or cause of action brought by any party to the Deposit Agreement against the Company arising out of or relating to the Shares or other Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or the Deposit Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be referred to, and finally settled by, arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the London Court of International Arbitration (the LCIA Rules) in effect on the date of this Agreement, which Rules are deemed incorporated by reference into this paragraph, and that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof; provided, that in the event of any third-party litigation to which the Depository is a party and to which the Company may properly be joined, the Company may be so joined in any court in which such litigation is proceeding; and provided further that any such controversy, claim or cause of action that relates to or is based upon the provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder may, but need not, be submitted to arbitration as provided in the Deposit Agreement. The Deposit Agreement further provides that any controversy, claim or cause of action arising out of or relating to the Shares or other Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or the Deposit Agreement not subject to arbitration shall be litigated in the Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan. The Company has agreed in the Deposit Agreement to appoint Puglisi & Associates, presently having its office at 850 Library Avenue, Suite 204, Newark, Delaware 19711, United States of America, as its agent for service of process.

To the extent that the Company or any of its properties, assets or revenues may have or hereafter become entitled to, or have attributed to it, any right of immunity, or the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise, from any legal action, suit or proceeding, from the giving of any relief in any respect thereof, from setoff or counterclaim, from the jurisdiction of any court, from service of process, from attachment

upon or prior to judgment, from attachment in aid of execution or judgment, or other legal process or proceeding or the giving of any relief or for the enforcement of any judgment, in any jurisdiction in which proceedings may at any time be commenced, with respect to its obligations, liabilities or any other matter under or arising out of or in connection with the Shares or Deposited Securities, the ADSs, the ADRs or the Deposit Agreement, the Company, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, and agrees not to plead or claim, any such immunity and consents to such relief and enforcement.

(20) Registration of Shares; Russian Share Registrar; Share Register. (a) The Company has agreed in the Deposit Agreement that it shall, at any time and from time to time:

- (i) take any and all action as may be necessary to assure the accuracy and completeness of all information set forth in the Share Register maintained by the Russian Share Registrar in respect of the Shares or Deposited Securities;
- (ii) provide or use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar to provide to the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents unrestricted access to the Share Register during ordinary business hours in Moscow, the Russian Federation, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Depository, in its reasonable discretion, may deem appropriate, to permit the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents to regularly (and in any event not less than monthly) confirm the number of Deposited Securities registered in the name of the Depository, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of this Deposit Agreement and, in connection therewith, to provide the Depository, the Custodian or their respective agents, upon request, with a duplicate extract from the Share Register duly certified by the Russian Share Registrar (or some other evidence of verification which the Depository, in its reasonable discretion, deems sufficient);
- (iii) use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar promptly (and, in any event, within 72 hours of the Russian Share Registrar's receipt of such documentation as may be required by applicable law and the reasonable and customary regulations of the Russian Share Registrar, or as soon as practicable thereafter to effect the reregistration of ownership of Deposited Securities in the Share Register in connection with any deposit or withdrawal of Shares or Deposited Securities under the Deposit Agreement;
- (iv) permit and use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar to permit the Depository or the Custodian to register any Shares or other Deposited Securities held under the Deposit Agreement in the name of the Depository, the Custodian or their respective nominees (which may, but need not be, a non-resident of the Russian Federation); and
- (v) use its best efforts to cause the Russian Share Registrar promptly to notify the Depository in writing at any time that the Russian Share Registrar (A) eliminates the name of a shareholder of the Company from the Share Register or otherwise alters a shareholder's interest in the Company's shares and such shareholder alleges to the Company or the Russian Share Registrar or publicly that such elimination or alteration is unlawful; (B) no longer will be able materially to comply with, or has engaged in conduct that indicates it will not materially comply with, the provisions of this Deposit Agreement relating to it (including, without limitation, Section 19); (C) refuses to re-register shares of the Company

in the name of a particular purchaser and such purchaser (or its respective seller) alleges that such refusal is unlawful; (D) holds Shares of the Company for its own account; or (E) has materially breached the provisions of the Deposit Agreement relating to it (including, without limitation, Section 19) and has failed to cure such breach within a reasonable time.

(b) The Company has agreed in the Deposit Agreement that it shall be solely liable for any act or failure to act on the part of the Russian Share Registrar, and that the Company shall be solely liable for the unavailability of Deposited Securities or for the failure of the Depositary to make any distribution of cash or property with respect thereto as a result of (i) any act or failure to act of the Company or its agents, including the Russian Share Registrar, or their respective directors, employees, agents or affiliates, (ii) any provision of any present or future Charter of the Company or any other instrument of the Company governing the Deposited Securities, or (iii) any provision of any securities issued or distributed by the Company, or any offering or distribution thereof.

(c) The Depositary has agreed in the Deposit Agreement that the Depositary or the Custodian will confirm regularly (and in any event not less than monthly) the number of Deposited Securities registered in the name of the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of the Deposit Agreement. The Company and the Depositary have agreed in the Deposit Agreement that, for the purposes of the rights and obligations under the Deposit Agreement and this ADR of the parties thereto and hereto, the records of the Depositary and the Custodian shall be controlling for all purposes with respect to the number of Shares or other Deposited Securities which should be registered in the name of the Depositary, the Custodian or their respective nominees, as applicable, pursuant to the terms of the Deposit Agreement. In the event of any material discrepancy between the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and the Share Register, then, if the Depositary has actual knowledge of such discrepancy, the Depositary will notify the Company promptly. In the event of any discrepancy between the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and the Share Register, the Company has agreed that (whether or not it has received any notification from the Depositary) it will use its best efforts to (i) cause the Russian Share Registrar to reconcile its records to the records of the Depositary or the Custodian and to make such corrections or revisions in the Share Register as may be necessary in connection therewith and (ii) to the extent the Company is unable to so reconcile such records, promptly instruct the Depositary to notify the Holders of the existence of such discrepancy. Upon receipt of such instruction, the Depositary promptly will give such notification to the Holders (it being understood that the Depositary may at any time give such notification to the Owners, whether or not it has received instructions from the Company) and will promptly cease issuing ADRs pursuant to the Deposit Agreement until such time as, in the opinion of the Depositary, such records have been appropriately reconciled.