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WHAT WE DO | Anti-Corruption Due Diligence & Investigations

For nearly 30 years, IGI has handled discreet fact-finding investigations in a variety of industries and countries throughout the world. IGI has experience investigating allegations of FCPA violations and providing compliance services and guidance to domestic and foreign corporations. Our investigations are supervised by former federal prosecutors, thereby providing clients with a first-rate investigative team with the perspectives of experienced litigators. IGI employs lawyers and investigators who bring both private and public sector experience investigating corruption and complex financial matters domestically and abroad.

In an era of global commerce, IGI is increasingly called upon by clients to conduct investigations that transcend national borders. Every country in which we operate presents unique challenges, because the availability of public records, the means by which they can be accessed, the scope of confidentiality and data protection laws and countless other factors can vary markedly from nation to nation. IGI's international network of investigators, sources and affiliates affords our clients the advantage of on-site investigators who not only develop the required information but who also evaluate that information within the political, social and economic context of a particular country.

IGI's unique model:

IGI offers sophisticated investigative services conducted under the supervision of trained and experienced litigators. Many of our clients, from Fortune 500 companies to foreign financial institutions, enjoy the benefits and privilege that flow from IGI's attorney-supervised model. Our investigators assigned to FCPA and international matters include forensic accountants, former intelligence analysts, senior law enforcement personnel, and former federal prosecutors with experience investigating and prosecuting international financial crimes and public integrity cases. Approaching its thirtieth year in the business, IGI remains the preeminent investigative firm integrating legal expertise with complex fact-finding capabilities.

Case Studies

- On behalf of a firm in the construction industry, IGI has conducted multiple FCPA-focused due diligence investigations on potential joint venture partners, clients and vendors located overseas. In these matters, we supplemented online and on-site public records and database research with in-country interviews and human intelligence gathering to provide best-practices FCPA compliance and business due diligence processes to search for "red flags" from regulatory, reputational and legal standpoints. Our work for this client

has included due diligence investigations of entities and individuals based in Eastern Europe, Central America, and the United Kingdom.

- A major U.S. energy company considering an acquisition of exploration rights in West Africa from a European independent asked IGI to assist in assessing the possibility of FCPA taint on the assets. IGI's research in Europe, West Africa and the United States included histories and profiles of the selling company and its current and former executives, relevant officials of the West African countries, and previous transactions involving the exploration rights.
- Officials of a foreign state-owned company were accused of accepting millions of dollars of bribes and kickbacks from purported agents and intermediaries outside the company. IGI performed an internal investigation in the foreign country, located and interviewed the purported agents and intermediaries in the foreign country and in the United States, and gathered evidence including sworn witness affidavits that refuted the allegations. Furthermore, IGI traced the false accusations to a propaganda campaign by political opponents of the head of the foreign government.
- A U.S. bank with embassy and foreign government banking business was embroiled in a scandal related to money laundering for heads of state and officials of foreign governments. At the time IGI was brought into the case, U.S. government agencies and the bank's auditors had already conducted investigations. IGI was retained by the bank's outside counsel to independently review the scope of the findings of the previous probes and to identify and investigate additional concerns.
- IGI compiled evidence that local agents working on behalf of a Western company bidding on a large construction project in an Asian country had paid and promised bribes to government officials who were to award the contract. IGI also developed evidence that a principal of another company, which had won major infrastructure contracts in the same Asian country, was involved in multimillion-dollar business and real estate deals in the U.S. with members of the Prime Minister's family.