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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

After completing my MBA studies in the United States, I returned to my home city of Kyiv and joined KPMG in Ukraine in 1997. I became the first Ukrainian partner at KPMG in Ukraine in 2006, progressing from audit assistant to partner position in 9 years' time. On 1 March 2014, I became Managing Partner of KPMG in Ukraine. Since then, KPMG in Ukraine has significantly grown and expanded the range of its service offerings to Ukrainian and international clients. We currently employ more than 500 people who work in our Kyiv and Lviv offices.

During my 23 years at KPMG, I worked in Ukraine and South Africa and have vast professional and international business experience. I am also fellow member of ACCA as well as certified Ukrainian statutory auditor ("A" and "B" certificates).

I currently serve as a Treasurer of the Chamber being a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. I am responsible Board Member for Tax and Customs Committees. In total, I was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine for 4 years, in 2014-2015 and 2019-2020.

KPMG is a global network of professional services firms providing audit, tax, legal and advisory services, with over 200,000 outstanding professionals working together to deliver value in more than 150 countries across the world. KPMG in Ukraine uses KPMG's global intellectual capital working with Ukrainian and multinational companies. KPMG is one of the leading professional services firms and has been operating in Ukraine since 1992.

Why do you think membership in the American Chamber of Commerce is important for business operating in Ukraine?

I believe that membership in the American Chamber of Commerce consolidates the efforts of the Ukrainian and international business community for the development of better business environment in order to enable growth of the Ukrainian economy and support inward investment.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

Nowadays, I believe that it is extremely important for international and Ukrainian business community to be actively engaged with policy makers in order to have positive impact on improvement of business environment in Ukraine. I believe this is extremely beneficial for Chamber member companies as well as for the wider business community in Ukraine.

I am motivated to be a Chamber Board Member because I believe that I can have bigger impact on improvement of business climate in Ukraine. I will strive to share my knowledge and expertise gained during my 23 years at KPMG and during my current and previous tenures as a Board Member in order to make positive change in business environment in Ukraine.

Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board? What skills would you bring to the Board?

Being KPMG professional, I have a lot of experience working with clients and companies representing business community which allows me to have valuable insight into the range of issues facing businesses in Ukraine. I am also very well aware of the challenges faced by the Government in its efforts to improve the economy and encourage investment.

In addition, I will also be able to consolidate efforts of other experienced professionals of KPMG in Ukraine who are supporting the Chamber activities in a number of ways, including participation in activities of various Chamber committees.

How have you been active in the Chamber over the course of the last two years?

During my previous and current tenure as a Board Member, I actively engaged in policy dialogue with top government officials. Given there are quarantine limitations which make large meetings difficult, I believe it is even more important for the Chamber leadership to meet government representatives face-to-face in order to make them hear issues of members and business community. For example, at a recent face-to-face meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, I raised concerns from tax committee members relating to potential unexpected changes to tax legislation and stressed the need for predictable tax policy as one of the key prerequisites for improvement of investment climate in Ukraine.

I also believe that we need to continue to experiment in order to make online ACC meetings more involving and engaging – given that quarantine precautions are going to be in place for some time.

I was actively participating in various ACC online meetings and events and I will continue to support this.

What activity or Committee would you participate in and be responsible for?

I would like to continue to be actively engaged with tax and customs policy matters being a Board Member responsible for Tax and Customs Committees. I also would like to continue to serve as a Treasurer of the Chamber being responsible for the oversight over financial matters of the Chamber.
