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RUSSIAN FEDERATION | 2013 Foreign Labor Forecasts Due by May 1, 2012

Russian employers are reminded to submit their 2013 foreign labor forecasts to their territorial labor and employment services no later than May 1, 2012.

Work Permit Forecast

As a follow up to our recent alert regarding announcement of the 2012 annual work permit quota, each calendar year the Russian labor and employment services require Russian companies registered with the Federal Migration Service to submit their forecast of foreign labor needs for the following year.

As the 2012 annual work permit quotas have been announced, Russian companies should review the number of allotments granted against their forecast submitted in 2011 to ascertain what types of positions were approved and the number of work permit slots actually granted for 2012. This would also include reviewing which foreign workers will require renewal of their work permits in 2013.

In connection with our earlier alert, Russian companies should also confirm with their local labor authorities if the preliminary list of 2012 quota-exempt positions will be available for sponsoring foreign workers in 2013.

Action Items For Employers

- Russian companies should be checking their work permit allotments granted for 2012 and take this information into account for submitting their 2013 forecast declarations.

Ideally, declarations should be submitted no later than the end of March/beginning of April 2012.

Pro-Link GLOBAL urges its clients to avoid submitting declarations at the end of April 2012, as online applications could be rejected due to a flood of last minute requests. Failure to submit a timely declaration may adversely affect a Russian company's ability

to receive allotments for work permits and ability to renew existing work permits.

This news alert was provided in coordination with our Russian KGNM- VISTA Foreign Business Support.

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