General License No. 15

Authorizing Certain Activities Necessary to Maintenance or Wind Down of Operations or Existing Contracts with GAZ Group

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this general license, all transactions and activities otherwise prohibited by the Ukraine Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 589, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance or wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements, including the importation of goods, services, or technology into the United States, involving GAZ Group or any other entity in which GAZ Group owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest and that were in effect prior to April 6, 2018, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, October 23, 2018.

(b) All funds in accounts of blocked persons identified in paragraph (a) that were blocked as of 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 22, 2018, remain blocked, except that such funds may be used for maintenance or wind-down activities authorized by this general license.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The divestiture or transfer of debt, equity, or other holdings in, to, or for the benefit of the blocked persons described above;

(2) Any transactions or dealings otherwise prohibited by any other part of 31 C.F.R. chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license; or
(3) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 C.F.R. chapter V, except as authorized by paragraphs (a) or (b).

(d) U.S. persons participating in transactions authorized by this general license are required, within 10 business days after the expiration date of this general license, to file a comprehensive, detailed report of each transaction, including the names and addresses of parties involved, the type and scope of activities conducted, and the dates on which the activities occurred, with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Freedman’s Bank Building, Washington, DC 20220, or via email to OFACReport@treasury.gov.

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Dated: May 22, 2018