

Organization of second trip to Russia, 20 February, 1993-5 March, 1993

In preparing the second trip to Russia, PHL decided that an initial series of meetings should be held with selected officials at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (MEPNR) in order to review the current status of the approvals process. PHL also organized meetings with the Russian Environmental Specialist at the World Bank's Moscow office and with the Deputy Resident Representative at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Moscow office, in order to obtain their views about how environmental projects are approved in Russia, and to identify officials who play influential roles in this process.

Once in Moscow, PHL supplemented these meetings with additional meetings at:

- The MEPNR;
- The Environment Committees of the City of Moscow and the Supreme Soviet;
- The offices of Canadian businesses and law firms presently headquartered in Moscow;
- The offices of Russian environmental business enterprises.