**International Centre for Development of Oil and Gas Machine Building**

**(IMB Centre)**

Association of legal entities “International Centre for Development of Oil and Gas Machine Building” (IMB Centre) has been established at the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Operators of largest oil and gas fields in Kazakhstan (Tengizchevroil LLP, Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V. and North Caspian Operating Company N.V.) which are the sole members of the Association.

IMB Centre was registered on February 25, 2021 and acts in accordance with RoK legislation as non-commercial organization in the form of Association established by two legal entities: “Kazakhstani Association of Petroleum Geologists” Public Association and “Veterans of Oil and Gas Industry” Republican Public Association. Operators (KPO, TCO, and NCOC) have been the members of the Association since April 8,2021.

The mission of IMB Centre is to contribute to the development of the manufacturing of oil and gas goods in Kazakhstan, linking major Operators with the machine building industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan through analysis, qualification, development of the potential and investment facilitation initiatives.

The purpose of establishing the “International Centre for Development of Oil and Gas Machine Building” (“International Centre”) is to provide support (of non-financial nature) to:

− increase competitive ability of Kazakhstani machine building companies in terms of manufacturing of equipment and vehicles for further use by the Operators;

− increase local content by improving the quality of the goods supplied;

− develop potential for domestic manufacturing of new goods in accordance with international standards for their use by Operators; and

− review the possibility to bring equipment and vehicles used by Operators into line with specifications/ standards, in the same manner and in details, as currently provided by the Operators to suppliers.

Key directions of the International Centre’s activities:

− Information exchange: data collection and review of the Operators’ demands, as well technical specifications to identify opportunities for the goods localization and technical specifications simplification;

− Market research: Identification of potential suppliers for the Operators and explanatory works;

− Development of manufacturers’ potential: technical support for domestic manufacturers in terms of developing capabilities for the supply of oil and gas industry goods to Operators, as well as capabilities to act as potential suppliers for the Operators;

− Investing activities facilitation: providing support as to ensure facilitation of investing and localization activities in oil and gas industry by domestic and foreign companies;

 − Outreach activities: cooperation with the Republic of Kazakhstan and international concerned parties aimed at contributing to the development of oil and gas machine building in the Republic of Kazakhstan.