**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Kochański Zięba Rapala & Partners is the only Polish law firm to be awarded in the prestigious Financial Times Innovative Lawyers 2014 ranking**

KZRP has been found to be one of the most innovative law firms in the World in an independent and free ranking survey conducted by the elite British newspaper, the Financial Times. For the first time in the history of the publication of the report has a Polish law firm been acclaimed. A record number of 550 applications were submitted to the organizers this year. KZRP has been classified amongst several long-established leading global law firms. The economic crisis and ever increasing competition have forced the Polish legal market to adapt, as has been the case throughout the world. KZRP, from its very outset has sought to meet the demands and has been at the forefront of caring for the growing diversified needs of its customers including development in the way that the Firm communicates with its customers, with a constant strive to meet and be ahead of contemporary standards in terms of innovation and knowledge, thereby enhancing the KZRP brand. Therefore, considering our goals, it is with good reason that we are elated with the recent achievement.

In order to be ranked as an FT Innovative Lawyer, each law firm undergoes a comprehensive analysis of its application which contains detailed responses to questions posed by the FT’s editorial office. Thereafter, interviews are conducted with partners and clients of the law firm through independent researchers from RSG Consulting, a consulting company, and in consequence law firms from all over the globe are selected and shortlisted.

KZRP has been recognized in the category of innovative business solutions (*Most Innovative Law Firms in Client Service*) for, amongst others, the creation and implementation of an authorial communication and client matter management tool – IRAAPORT (*Internet Remote Actions and Paper Observance Register Technology*), which provides unlimited possibilities with respect to the provision of legal advisory services. The tool, unlike any other ERP system available worldwide (in that it provides more than 2000 functions) allows for access 24 hours a day, seven day a week, to data and information, as well as the possibility to contact a client from any location in the world. The tool comprises of five interactive modules, which as a combined platform, cater for a highly professional and effective client management service.

The ranking is the culmination of many years of work undertaken by the entire KZRP Team, as well as the investment of many millions of Polish zloty into the development of innovative information technology solutions. This is a clear example of the top quality services rendered by KZRP, the substantive knowledge of its lawyers, their vision for development and experience in the provision of services to clients. Moreover, this success is credit to KZRP’s clients, who have continuously expected high-class solutions, and with the help of whom over the last few years, we have successfully implemented IRAAPORT. The law firm intends to launch the IRAAPORT system commercially, as a solution for all companies that consider client satisfaction as paramount to the services they provide. IRAAPORT has also received commendation in national contests. In 2013, KZRP was awarded the “European Medal”, a prize from the Business Centre Club and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the title of Ambassador of Polish Economy in the category “Foreign Companies’ Partner”. In 2014, KZRP for a second time, was awarded with the European Medal by the BCC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs receiving the title of Ambassador of Polish Economy, however, on this occasion in the category “Creator of 21st century’s Solutions”.

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Kochański Zięba Rapala & Partners is a full-scope business law firm. The company was founded in 1998 by Mr. Piotr Kochański, advocate. Currently, our legal team consists of over 70 lawyers: advocates, legal counselors, tax counselors, trademark and patent attorneys and trainees, who work together in the Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin offices. Our team has both legal expertise and experience, as well as knowledge of the market and the specific needs of particular industries. We have advised entities, inter alia, from the FMCG, automotive, trade and logistics, retail chains, chemical, pharmaceutical, energy, financial, media and advertising industries.

We have been among the highest ranked law firms in Poland for many years and are recommended as leading experts in many areas of the law by such prestigious professional publications as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, European Legal Experts, IFLR1000. With a chain of offices in Poland and membership in international legal organizations, e.g., The International Lawyers Network and Mackrell International, KZRP provide its clients with full support both in local as well as multi-jurisdictional projects.

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