

OIL AND GAS REGULATORY SIMPLIFICATION LAW

Law of Ukraine "On Amending Laws of Ukraine to Deregulate Oil and Gas Industry" No. 2314-VIII dated 1 March 2018



THE LAW CAME INTO EFFECT ON 1 APRIL 2018 **SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS MUST BE UPDATED WITHIN THREE MONTHS**

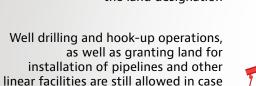
What's important?

THE LAW IS AIMED TO SIMPLIFY OIL AND GAS **OPERATIONS AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE COST FOR BUSINESS**



BY REMOVING SEVERAL **How?** MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE **HURDLES FOR BUSINESS**

Special easements to access most types of land (including agricultural) to operate oil and gas production and linear facilities without changing the land designation

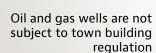


or detailed plan

Grace period for accessing land by virtue of a simple land access agreement without changing land designation to transition from pilot to commercial production until full formalization of land use rights



Topsoil removal permit abolished to use land for wells, roads and linear infrastructure: no permits for private land and only working land survey design required for other land



of absence of zoning of the territory



Relaxed regulation on the flow of geological data: investor created or acquired data may be transferred locally or abroad with subsequent notification to the State Service for Geology and Subsoil of Ukraine

Cancellation of requirement to obtain approvals of the Ministry of Energy to put the fields/deposits into pilot and commercial production



Mineral reserves may be appraised not only by the State Service for Geology and Subsoil of Ukraine but also by other qualified entities



Environmental impact assessment must be taken into consideration in case of issuance of the special permits for extraction of oil and gas



Increased protection of validity of special permits: suspension only possible after application of geological control measures



Free-of-charge amendment of oil and gas special permit

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Mining allotments for oil and gas projects not required

