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Commercial Deal Zone Announcements

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Kazakhstan Deal Announcements:

- Boeing and Air Astana signed a commitment for the purchase of up to (15) 787 Dreamliners. This is Air Astana's largest ever order, helping the airline further connect Kazakhstan with the world and open routes to North America.
- Cove Capital's partnership with the government of Kazakhstan for the privatization of tungsten mining company Severniy Katpar represents a once-in-a-generation agreement to develop the largest known untapped global tungsten resource in the world—demonstrating the new "art of the possible" for critical minerals cooperation and U.S.-Kazakhstan relations. The immediate transaction is valued at over \$1 billion related to mineral deposits valued at over \$80 billion.
- Leidos, Inc. recently signed a contract with Kazaeronavigatsia (KAN), Kazakhstan's air navigation service provider, to modernize the air traffic control system to accommodate the significant growth that is projected for the country's aviation sector. Leidos will provide the Kazakhstan National Air Traffic Management System (ATMS) with the SkylineLine X ATMS as well as facilitate the deployment, testing, and training of staff to commission the Skyline ATMS at four Air Traffic Control Centers. The agreement has a 19-year period of performance and includes work at four control centers and 21 towers across the country.
- John Deere signed a Letter of Intent with the government of Kazakhstan to procure \$3-\$5 billion of agricultural machinery. About 60% of the opportunity will be tractors and seeding equipment manufactured in Iowa, Illinois, and North Dakota.
- Citi and National Company Kazakhstan Temir Zholy JSC ('KTZ') were recognized for the Export Credit Agency Mandate for up to \$1.6 billion by the ExIm Bank of the United States for KTZ's procurement of Wabtec equipment. This financing deal is an important

- follow up to the contract to procure \$4 billion in locomotives from Wabtec that was signed at the recent U.N. General Assembly meetings.
- The Colorado School of Mines will support establishment of Ulytau Technical University in Kazakhstan in partnership with Kazkhmys Barlau, Satbayev University, and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The project will substantially contribute to the development of professional engineers and geoscientists with critical minerals expertise in both the United States and Kazakhstan.
- VEON's Beeline subsidiary and Kazakhstan celebrated two deals, including a
 Memorandum of Understanding for Direct to Cell Service and a deal with Starlink.
 VEON will be the first company in the world who has global agreement with Starlink.
 The partnership between Beeline-Kazakhstan and Starlink Direct to Cell will make
 essential connectivity accessible across Kazakhstan, including in remote areas not
 covered by terrestrial networks.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between OpenAI, Nvidia, and Kazakhstan's Freedom Holding Corporation and Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry procures up to \$2 billion in advanced AI chips.

Kyrgyz Republic Deal Announcements:

- All American Rail Group Global will provide the Kyrgyz Republic with Rail
 Construction and Engineering. The initiative focuses on the development, construction,
 operation, maintenance, and eventual transfer of national and regional railway
 infrastructure. The project will create connectivity for the Kyrgyz Republic to the Trans
 Caspian Corridor.
- Citi and the Kyrgyz Republic's Aiyl Bank have signed an MoU/Cooperation Agreement.
- The Oppenheimer financial services contract is underwriting a \$300 million 5-year senior unsecured bond deal for state-owned Aiyl Bank. A few months ago, Oppenheimer underwrote the Kyrgyz Republic's inaugural \$700 million sovereign bond.

Tajikistan Deal Announcements:

- Boeing and Somon Air (the Tajik Flag carrier) signed a commitment for Somon Air to place its largest-ever order for up to (4) 787 Dreamliners and (10) 737 MAX airplanes. With this agreement, Somon Air made its first widebody jet purchase to launch new intercontinental routes from Tajikistan, growing and modernizing its all-737 MAX fleet.
- Transparent Earth Ltd and Tajik company Avesto Group LLC signed a Memorandum of Understanding valued at \$30 million to jointly develop, implement, and operate the National Digital Platform for management, integration, and analysis of geological and mineral data of the Republic of Tajikistan. The initiative will utilize artificial intelligence, satellite and drone monitoring, and advanced laboratory research to enhance data-driven decision-making in the country's mining and geological sectors.

- 6th Grain and Tajik company Marmari signed a Preliminary Agreement valued at \$2.43 million, to develop and implement a digital platform for the management of Marmari's agricultural lands. The platform will integrate satellite and drone analytics, soil and water laboratory research, staff training, and digital agriculture tools to improve efficiency and sustainability in agricultural production.
- Perplexity AI joined the Consortium for Area AI, the upcoming world's first special AI freezone in Tajikistan, to expand its services across Central Asia with plans to derive multi-million annual recurring revenue from the region facilitated out of Tajikistan. Tajikistan and Perplexity are partnering to provide 25,000 students access to Perplexity Pro free of charge.

<u>Uzbekistan Deal Announcements</u>:

- Boeing and Uzbekistan Airways signed a final order with Boeing for (8) more 787 Dreamliners, bringing their total order book to (22) widebody jets. These ultra-efficient airplanes will help fuel Uzbekistan Airways' growth as they expand into more international markets.
- John Deere and the government of Uzbekistan celebrated a supply Agreement for \$300M procurement of agricultural machinery. The agreement will include \$150M of cotton harvesting equipment manufactured in Ankeny, Iowa at John Deere Des Moines Works.

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