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**Gazprombank signs the largest syndicated loan in Russia and C.I.S.**



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Citigroup, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Deutsche Bank AG, J.P. Morgan plc acting as lead managers and bookrunners today announced the arrangement of a new syndicated loan facility worth US\$650 million for Gazprombank.

This is the largest ever syndicated loan for a financial institution in Russia and the CIS. The loan was more than 100% oversubscribed, allowing the facility amount of US\$300 million to be increased to US\$650 million. Forty-one foreign banks participated in the syndication.

The facility is structured as a term loan with a tenor of three years and carries a margin of 1.5% per annum. The loan proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes of Gazprombank.