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**Statement from Counsel for Eduard Khudainatov Regarding Planned Auction of the Motoryacht Amadea***Attribute the following to Adam Ford, counsel for Eduard Khudainatov:*

"We are aware that the United States plans to auction the M/Y Amadea - property that lawfully belongs to Mr. Khudainatov. The sale is improper and premature; we retain title and are actively appealing the forfeiture ruling.

"If our appeal succeeds, the government must repay the vessel's full value. We doubt it will attract any rational buyer at fair market price, because ownership can, and will, be challenged in courts outside the United States, exposing purchasers to years of costly, uncertain litigation.

"Recent judgments in European and Caribbean courts have already penalized buyers who acquired assets through illegitimate seizures, including Russian-owned superyachts. Prospective bidders should study those precedents carefully.

"Should the government press ahead simply to staunch the mounting costs it is imposing on the American taxpayer, we will pursue the sale proceeds, and any shortfall from fair market value, once we prevail in court."

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