



Coverage Suspension Alert

Cherkasy Azot

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We suspend our coverage of Cherkasy Azot (**AZOT**), following the Kyiv Economic Court's ruling invalidating the company's shareholders register. AZOT's main minority shareholders, who brought suit, are putting pressure on the main shareholder, the UkrSib group, to buy out the minority stake or perhaps to sell the majority stake. Although we expect UkrSib to appeal, which would have the effect of suspending the ruling until the appeal is decided, the challenge to the share registry represents an escalation of the conflict which significantly increases risks to the company's stock. We will reinitiate coverage if the parties reach an agreement and peace is restored. Please look out for our Analyst's Notebook to be issued shortly.

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