

## **Reactive statement**

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**St. Julians, Malte**: AOG refutes in full the allegations made in a clearly biased and incriminating article published by the OCCRP on September 22, 2022, and reserves its rights.

AOG would like to point out that when opening a bank account in Switzerland, Swiss law obliges a company to provide the names of its shareholders, but this mere fact does not make them the owners or beneficiaries of these bank accounts.

Furthermore, it should be noted that none of the persons mentioned in the article had a political mandate when they became shareholders.

With regard to the actions of former employees, neither the company nor its directors and officers have been incriminated by any judicial authority. As for the Addax Petroleum subsidiary mentioned, it was sold to the Chinese in 2009, and no criminal acts that occurred after that date can be attributed to AOG.

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