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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name: **COVINGTON & BURLING LLP** 1201 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20004 3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2): Country City: State/Zip(or Country): 4. Contact Name: STUART EIZENSTAT Telephone: 202-662-5519 E-mail (optional): seizenstat@cov.com Senate ID #: 11195-1650 House ID #: 31827115 7. Client Name: Self **GROUP MENATEP** TYPE OF REPORT ____ Midyear (January 1 - June 30): 🔲 🛛 OR Year End (July 1 - December 31): 🔀 8. Year 2005 9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: 10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: 🔲 INCOME OR EXPENSES Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13 12. Lobbying Firms INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000: \$10,000 or more: X => Income (nearest \$20,000): 80,000.00 Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client). 13. Organizations EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000: \$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000); 14. Reporting Method. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

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Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Registrant Name: COVINGTON & BURLING LLP Client Name: GROUP MENATEP

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as

- 15. General issue area code: FOR (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Building US Government support for the rule of law in Russia, specifically in connection with actions taken by Russian authorities against principals of Group Menatep and Yukos

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: US Department of State, US Department of Commerce, US Department of Treasury, National Security Counsel; US Senate; US Congress

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: CHEEK, MARNEY Covered Official Position (if applicable): Name: EIZENSTAT, STUART Covered Official Position (if applicable): Name: JOHNSON, O. THOMAS Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

Signature: ON FILE Date: Oct 01, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Stuart Eizenstat - Partner -