

GOODMAN DERRICK LLP

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Two new corporate partner appointments: - Simon McLeod and Paul Webb

Goodman Derrick LLP is pleased to announce that Simon McLeod and Paul Webb have joined the firm as partners in our corporate department.

Simon McLeod joined the firm on 3rd November from Bird & Bird, where he was previously a partner. Simon specialises in mainstream corporate and finance law, operating in the middle market on deals typically to £100m. He works on private and public M&A, capital markets, joint ventures, private equity and finance and general commercial advice and particularly in the "renewables and energy" sector. He is an adviser to a broad range of clients, including corporates, financial institutions and their directors. In particular, he has advised on flotations, fundraisings, public and private acquisitions and disposals, major joint ventures - often of an international nature, as well as general corporate governance and shareholder issues.

His clients are drawn from a wide range of business areas and he has most recently been involved in transactions concerning the chemicals, telecommunications, technology and pharmaceutical sectors.

Paul Webb joined the firm on 14 November from Taylor Wessing, where he had been a partner since 1997. He has wide experience in representing corporate and individual clients in relation to commercial transactions including mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganisations and equity fund raising. He acts for clients from a wide range of business sectors, but with a focus on the technology and cleantech sectors.

Paul has advised a large number of overseas companies on their European investment strategies, whether through acquisition, joint venture or greenfield set-up. He also advises investment funds, companies and management teams in relation to funding and other corporate transactions.

Paul is co-author of 'Investors' Guide to the UK' (2nd edition 2005) published by Kogan Page.

David Edwards, head of Goodman Derrick's Corporate Department said: *"We are delighted to welcome Simon and Paul to Goodman Derrick. They will complement and strengthen our capabilities in certain sectors and will make a great contribution to the corporate team, which continues to be successful and which we hope will expand still further in the coming months. 2012 promises to be an exciting year for Goodman Derrick, starting with our move to new and larger premises within the City early in the New Year".*

Simon McLeod said: *"I have known Goodman Derrick for a number of years and I was pleased to accept this invitation to join the firm which has had considerable success in recent years. It has great strengths in a number of practice areas and sectors and will provide a good platform for my clients, both nationally and internationally."*

Paul Webb said: *“I’m delighted to be joining Goodman Derrick and look forward to being part of the firm’s continuing success story. There is an excellent corporate team in place, which together with the other specialist areas of the firm provides an impressive platform for the development of our client offering and the delivery of legal solutions. I am also looking forward to working on cross-border issues with colleagues within the Legal Network Alliance, the international association of law firms to which Goodman Derrick belongs.”*

Notes to editors:

GOODMAN DERRICK LLP is a long-established London law firm with a broadly based commercial practice, representing both UK and international clients. The firm has twenty-four partners (including Simon and Paul) and a total complement of 80 staff including over forty-five practising lawyers. The firm has an acknowledged expertise in the areas of media law, corporate & commercial law, property, dispute resolution, employment and private client matters.

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