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Meridian – relocation, relocation, relocation!

We are pleased to announce that we have moved to Fareham, allowing us the opportunity to expand our team and to provide easier access and better service to our clients.

Our new location just off Junction 11 of the M27 ensures that our clients can get to us with ease and avoid the added journey time of driving into a congested city centre location.

Darren Thompson, Director says "As we are called upon to advise on transactions right across the UK, being in a convenient location with good transport links is essential. We have everything we need in our new offices to provide our clients with the highest level of service and to achieve the best possible results. It is great to have made the move and we look forward to welcoming both clients and other professionals that we work with to our new premises."

Our new office is also much larger which enables us the room to grow that we have long needed after very successful years in 2007 and 2008.

Our new address is: 8 The Gardens, Broadcut, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 8SS. Our telephone number remains the same: 0870 224 0408.

Meridian expands its advisory team by two

Following one of the busiest periods in our history we knew it was time to expand our team so that we can continue to provide the same high standards for our clients. We now have one of the largest dedicated CF lead advisory teams in the South of England.

We are pleased to welcome James Ellis and Lisa Sigalet to the team, who joined us in October and November respectively.

James recently qualified as an accountant with PwC and is looking forward to the challenges that his new role in the fast moving world of Corporate Finance is sure to bring. He has already thrown himself into his new role and is advising on a number of our current transactions. James said "I was looking to move out of audit into Corporate Finance and moving into such a deal rich environment was a great way of building my experience".

Lisa Sigalet joins us on secondment from Blake Laphorn solicitors where she is a solicitor in the Corporate Transactional team. Lisa brings a different background and skills to the team and is looking forward to being involved in the aspects of a deal that solicitors do not usually see.

Mike Barcia, Director, commented "Both Meridian and Blake Laphorn will benefit enormously out of this arrangement and we are delighted to be welcoming Lisa to the team. Whilst the environment is undoubtedly tougher out there, our strength has always been the mixture of skill sets in the team, so this is a great addition for us."



Solent Deal Awards

We are pleased to announce that we have been nominated at the Solent Deal Awards in the following categories: Corporate Finance Team of the Year, Deal of the Year, International Deal of the Year and Corporate Finance Adviser of the Year. The Awards evening will be held on 15 January 2009.

Farewell to Luke

After being with Meridian for more than 3 years, the time has come to say goodbye to Luke Burgess, who left us in September to join Hamworthy plc as Corporate Development Executive. Luke will be greatly missed by his friends at Meridian who wish him all the best for the future.

Luke commented "After over three years of working on many exciting and

rewarding transactions with Mike, Darren and the team, it is with regret that I am leaving but am looking forward to my new role. I will certainly be looking out for their future successes as Meridian goes to the next level."



Welcome

2008 has proven to be another very successful year with the team completing a number of international and domestic transactions.

We report on our recent office move and the growth of our team as we welcome two new joiners.

Recent deals

We advised the shareholders on the disposal of technology company Quantum Research Group Limited to NASDAQ listed Atmel Corporation a leading manufacturer of semi-conductors, for a total consideration of \$130m.

Another international transaction saw the sale of an Oil and Gas measurement company to NYSE listed Cameron Corporation for £11m.

We also advised local authority Portsmouth City Council on the acquisition of the UK's biggest banana importer, Mainland Market Deliveries.

Full details can be found on our website.

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