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Rob has been advising on merger and acquisition transactions, as well as IPOs, secondary fundraises and takeovers for listed companies for nearly 20 years. He has advised both UK and International listed and private companies on such transactions. He also acts for quality corporate clients on a wide range of transactions, including shareholders' agreements, restructurings, corporate governance and compliance issues. His work covers a number of sectors, including energy (renewables as well as oil & gas), telecoms, technology, media, sports and entertainment, infrastructure and life sciences.

Many of the transactions Rob is involved with are complex and strategically important for his clients on a local, national and international basis, which require a deep level of understanding of the sectors in which his clients operate so as to find the best solutions to their transactions.

Rob is the location head of the Sheffield Corporate team.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Public Company and Corporate Governance

- Technology
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Industrials

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Anglo African Oil & Gas plc**, advising the company on its London Initial Public Offering and GBP10 million placing in 2016 which enabled the company to complete its acquisition of Anglo African Oil & Gas Congo S.A.U. and its 56% interest in an oil producing asset in the Republic of the Congo.
- **Anglo African Oil & Gas plc**, advising on several secondary fundraises by means of placings, including a cash box placing undertaken in 2018 and a complex and novel fund raise by means of an equity sharing agreement entered into in 2019.
- **Anglo African Oil & Gas plc**, acting for the company on the disposal of its subsidiary company, Anglo African Oil & Gas Congo S.A.U. which completed in 2020.
- **Power Roll Ltd**, providing legal advice on a number of strategic fund raisings and warrant issues as well as a shareholders' agreement to enable the company to continue to develop its products between 2017 and 2019.

- **Anglo Tunisian Oil & Gas Ltd**, assisting on the complex corporate structuring, shareholders' arrangements and financing for the company in respect of its acquisition of oil producing wells in Tunisia in 2019.
- **Yu Group plc**, acting for the company on its London Initial Public Offering and GBP7.5 million placing in 2016.
- **Gasrec Limited**, structuring the company's convertible loan notes and share issues for working capital purposes between 2017 and 2019.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Accesso Technology Group plc**, acting for the company on its GBP32 million cash box placing and direct subscriptions as well as structuring its statutory pre-emptive open offer with an excess entitlement, which completed in 2020.
- **NTT Data EMEA Ltd**, acting for the company on several strategic business acquisitions and restructurings between 2018 and 2019.
- **Playtech**, lead adviser on the company's EUR138 million acquisition of a 90% interest in Best Gaming Technology, a market leading turnkey wagering gaming technology provider, which completed in 2016.
- **Softomotive Holding Ltd**, advising the owners on the strategic and transformative USD25 million Series A financing and investment made by Grafton Capital, which completed in 2018.
- **i-Nexus Global plc**, acting for the company on its London Initial Public Offering and GBP10 million placing in 2018.

TELECOMS

- **Maintel Holdings plc**, advising the company on its transformative GBP48.5 million reverse takeover of Azzurri Communications, which completed in 2016.
- **Maintel Holdings plc**, advising the company on its strategic GBP5.25 million acquisition of Intrinsic Technology Ltd, which completed in 2017.

MEDIA, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

- **Iconic Labs plc**, leading on the company's GBP5 million convertible loan note instrument entered into with European High Growth Opportunities Securitization Fund and associated prospectus to provide significant financing for the company, which completed in 2020.
- **Sheffield Wednesday Football Club Limited**, acting for Mr Dejphon Chansiri on his acquisition of the football club, which completed in 2015.
- **BFC Investment Company Ltd**, on their acquisition of Barnsley Football Club, which completed in 2017.

PHARMACEUTICAL/LIFE SCIENCES

- **Lloyds Pharmacy Limited**, leading on the company's transformative acquisition of the in-store community pharmacy business from Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, which completed in 2015.
- **Fusion Antibodies Plc**, acting for the company on its London Initial Public Offering and GBP5.5 million placing in 2017.
- **Fusion Antibodies Plc**, acting for the company on its secondary fundraise of GBP3 million to provide the company with funds to develop its anti-body library, which completed in 2020.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Babcock Civil Infrastructure Ltd**, lead adviser on the company's strategic disposal of its facilities management services business, which completed in 2017.
- **O.C.S. Group Ltd**, lead adviser on the disposal of OCS Environmental Services Ltd, which completed in 2017.
- **Infrastructure Investments Holdings Limited (Infra Red)**, lead adviser on the company's GBP8.95 million acquisition in the Priority Schools Building Programme North East Batch Project from Galliford Try plc, which completed in 2018.
- **Investec Investments (UK) Limited**, acting for the company on its joint venture with The Welsh Ministers and others in respect of a project to regenerate parts of South Wales, which completed in 2018.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- 2013 – to date, Partner, DLA Piper
- 2012 – 2013, Legal Director, DLA Piper
- 2007 – 2012, Senior Associate, DLA Piper
- 2001 – 2007, Associate, DLA Piper
- 1999 – 2001, Trainee Solicitor, DLA Piper
- 1996 – 1999, Tax Adviser, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Education

- Manchester University, Law LLB (2:1)
- Chester College of Law, LPC

Memberships

- Law Society

INSIGHTS

Publications

Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Naylor on the acquisition of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter

27 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Naylor Concrete Products on the acquisition of the business and certain assets of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter Fencing.

DLA Piper advises Iconic Labs on services contract for JOE media

4 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Iconic Labs Plc, a multidivisional new media and technology business, on its entry into a management services contract with Greencastle MM LLP (Greencastle Capital), which has at the same time, completed the acquisition of the JOE media UK business out of administration.

