



## M&A TEAM ADVISES ON DOUBLE ACQUISITION

Martineau Johnson's M&A Team have advised Harris Watson Plc on their recent £2.5 million acquisition of two engineering businesses from Loughborough based FKI.

The businesses are Froude Hoffmann, which manufactures engine and vehicle dynamometer test solutions for the automotive and aerospace industries, and Bridon Wire Special Steels which makes specialist steel wire.

Froude Hoffmann is based in Worcester with plants in Hannover, Detroit and Shanghai. As such the acquisition raised the technical legal issues well-associated with transactions with an international dimension.

Corporate Partner Richard Underwood lead the Martineau Johnson team and was assisted by Marie-Therese Harper. Senior Associate Bhavesh Amlani provided property advice. Richard, who has advised Harris Watson on numerous acquisitions and disposals in recent years, says the deal demonstrates Martineau Johnson's ability to

handle complex international transactions:

"The acquisition, which was project managed by our M&A Team from start to finish, involved a complex structure with several companies and businesses spread across three legal jurisdictions. It is an example of an increasing number of deals we are advising on with an international dimension. Our team has the ability to co-ordinate deals of this nature and our status as a founding member of Multilaw allows us not only to rely on our own experience, but draw upon the expertise of associated lawyers with qualifications in foreign jurisdictions, a vital resource when advising on transactions of this nature".

Martineau Johnson has wide-ranging international connections, both through Multilaw, an independent network of law firms in 150 commercial centres throughout the world with access to 5000 lawyers and State Law Resources, a national network of independent law firms across North America.



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