

Press Release

Stephenson Harwood & Lo appoints new Partner for China Practice Group

International commercial law firm, Stephenson Harwood & Lo (SHL) has appointed Mr Richard Grams as a Partner in its China Practice. Richard will initially join Stephenson Harwood & Lo in Hong Kong but will move to Guangzhou early 2007. Richard specialises in helping international and local clients with a wide range of corporate and commercial matters in both Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Richard's China practice experience covers foreign direct investment projects including start-up businesses, reorganisations/acquisitions of existing business operations, private equity-funded acquisitions and overseas listings, as well as a broad range of ancillary work which routinely arise in China-related transactions such as business financing, distribution arrangements, technology transfers and employment matters. Richard also advises clients in the financial services industry on licensing and regulatory compliance matters.

Richard is originally from near Calgary, Canada but has lived in Asia since 1987 and worked with venture capital firms in Canada, Hong Kong and Taiwan prior to qualifying as a solicitor.

Stephenson Harwood & Lo Managing Partner, John Gale, commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Richard because the China market is a key area of growth and investment for Stephenson Harwood & Lo which is one of the few international law firms with an on-the-ground presence in southern China. Over the past 10 years, Stephenson Harwood & Lo has become a leading law firm in Guangzhou and advises on most legal aspects related to investing in China. Richard joins us with extensive experience in Guangdong and he will be developing work in China, both in terms of FDI and outward investment, as well as servicing clients in China and elsewhere who are looking for fund raisings on AIM or the Hong Kong Exchange."

Partner, Richard Grams, added:

"I am delighted to join the Partnership of Stephenson Harwood & Lo. Working alongside the rest of the team, I shall continue to enhance the ability of the Firm's Guangzhou office and attract new clients by developing the firm's overseas market for mainland China and Hong Kong legal services."

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Note for editors:

Stephenson Harwood & Lo is a leading Hong Kong law firm established in 1979. Stephenson Harwood & Lo is structured as a joint venture between Stephenson Harwood, a major international law firm, and Lo & Lo, a well-established Hong Kong law firm. As such, Stephenson Harwood & Lo is part of the international network of Stephenson Harwood, with offices in Guangzhou, Shanghai, London, Singapore, Paris and Piraeus, and associated offices in Kuwait, Greece, Republic of South Africa and Bucharest.

We have around 110 staff, including 44 lawyers, most with many years of experience in the Asia Pacific region. Stephenson Harwood & Lo is experienced in a broad range of practice areas. The firm's particular strengths are found in the following areas: corporate/commercial, China FDI, banking and finance, financial services, litigation, shipping, intellectual property and property.