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WHITE & CASE STRENGTHENS M&A PRACTICE IN POLAND

Adds three new local partners: Piotr M. Szelenbaum, Maciej Zalewski and Daniel Kaczorowski

Warsaw, January 14, 2013 - Global law firm White & Case LLP has bolstered its Polish mergers & acquisitions (M&A) practice with the addition of a team of three new local partners. Piotr M. Szelenbaum, Maciej Zalewski and Daniel Kaczorowski have joined the firm's Warsaw office. The additions support the firm's Global M&A Practice and increase its local capabilities in Warsaw.

"Our clients are increasingly engaged in major domestic and cross-border transactions," said head of White & Case's M&A and capital markets practices in Warsaw Marcin Studniarek. "These three new lawyers are recognized, solid practitioners. They have broad experience in M&A, but also across the capital markets, with private equity matters, public procurement and in the energy, aerospace and defense industries. Their unique combination of skills enables us to provide even greater support to our clients in Poland."

Szelenbaum, Zalewski and Kaczorowski have all extensive experience representing high profile Polish and international clients from various sectors, including a number of private equity funds, on M&A and capital markets transactions.

Piotr M. Szelenbaum focuses on corporate law and has particular experience with capital markets and M&A matters. Prior to joining White & Case, he was a local partner at Greenberg Traurig and Dewey & LeBoeuf. Szelenbaum has experience in the capital markets sector, having represented the Polish State Treasury in the PLN 5.4 billion IPO of Jastrzębska Spółka Węglowa S.A. on the WSE, BRE Bank S.A. on its PLN 2 billion rights issue and Telekomunikacja Polska S.A. throughout various stages of its sale to a consortium organized by France Telecom. He represented international energy holdings in the proposed acquisition of ENEA S.A. shares from the State Treasury through its privatization process, advised various private equity firms in connection with their investments and M&A transactions, advised Polish public companies against attempted hostile takeovers, and has represented various financial institutions on M&A transactions.

Maciej Zalewski was most recently the head of the aerospace and defense practice in the Warsaw office of Greenberg Traurig, and formerly Dewey & LeBoeuf. Zalewski has broad experience in M&A, as well as project finance, procurement, and arbitration. In his practice, he has advised on major offset projects, industrial cooperation programs and complex transactions in the IT sector.

He is currently advising Lockheed Martin on the offset program related to the purchase of F-16 multi-role aircraft by the Republic of Poland and various other defense companies. He has also advised a private equity fund in connection with its recent equity investment in NFI Empik Media & Fashion S.A. in a joint venture with Eastbridge, and a number of other private equity funds. He also advised Telekomunikacja Polska S.A. (France Telecom Group) in connection with major arbitration proceedings, as well as on several bond issue offerings on international markets.

Prior to joining White & Case, Daniel Kaczorowski was a local partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf, and most recently Greenberg Traurig, where he gained experience in M&A and corporate & securities law. Most recently, he represented Polenergia S.A. in the acquisition of shares of Polish Energy Partners S.A., Spartan Capital Holdings in the PLN 18.1 billion acquisition of Polkomtel and Investors Holding in the acquisition of 100% of shares in DWS Polska TFI. He has also regularly advised on the largest transactions in the Polish capital markets, among them the recent IPO of Cyfrowy Polsat S.A. and Kulczyk Oil Ventures.

All three of the new local partners are recognized lawyers in their respective fields. Piotr M. Szelenbaum was recognized by *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Europe* as Tier 3 in Corporate Law/M&A (2011-2012) and Maciej Zalewski was recommended in Corporate/M&A (2010) in *EMEA Legal 500*. Daniel Kaczorowski was listed in *Chambers Europe* as Tier 4 in Capital Markets Equity (2011-2012).

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