

MEDIA RELEASE

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McGrathNicol Expands Perth Forensic Team

Independent boutique advisory firm, McGrathNicol, today announced the expansion of their Perth office with the appointment of two local leading Forensic specialists, Mr Michael Shanahan as Partner and Mr Darren Michael as Director.

McGrathNicol's Forensic team provides forensic accounting and advisory services to legal firms, businesses and Government. Forensic accounting work can vary and includes the investigation of corporate irregularities, dispute advisory work involving the quantification of loss and damage and the use of forensic technology in recovering, processing and searching large volumes of electronic information.

Mr Shanahan's appointment brings the total number of Forensic Partners nationally to seven, which also includes Mr Matt Fehon, who was formerly from Perth and joined McGrathNicol's Sydney office earlier this year. Mr Shanahan brings a wealth of experience which includes forensic investigations and dispute advisory assignments, where he has assisted clients to examine a range of matters including accounting irregularities, bribery and corruption allegations, regulatory inquiries, contractual assessments and fraud matters.

Mr Jon Rowell, Head of Forensic said: "In response to our clients increasing demands, I am delighted that Michael and Darren will be joining our successful and expanding Forensic team. They are two of the leading and well regarded Forensic practitioners in Perth and between them have many years experience of advising Western Australian based businesses faced with a wide range of challenges."

McGrathNicol has developed one of the strongest and most experienced Forensic teams in Australia, and has been involved in many of the country's high profile and complex disputes and investigations.

Mr James Thackray, Head of the Perth office said: "We welcome Michael and Darren to the Perth team. Michael's experience in the energy, natural resources and mining sectors, along with Darren's Forensic Technology experience, adds considerable depth and capability to both our local and national offering. Our Perth office will now have three Partners and more than 30 staff."

Mr Michael commences with McGrathNicol on 5 December 2011 and Mr Shanahan on 1 February 2012. Both are formerly from KPMG Forensic.

McGrathNicol remains a leading Corporate Recovery firm in the market and has significantly broadened its corporate client base in the advisory field. Over the past 12 months McGrathNicol has been lead advisor on a number of large matters assisting ASX Top 200 companies.

About McGrathNicol

McGrathNicol is an independent boutique advisory firm specialising in Corporate Advisory, Forensic, Transaction Services and Corporate Recovery. McGrathNicol is a market leader in Australia and in New Zealand, with more than 30 Partners and 300 people across the region.

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