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M&A/Capital Markets Lawyer James Channo Joins Locke Lord's International Team as Partner in London Office

(LONDON) November 1, 2012 – Corporate finance lawyer James Channo has joined the London office of international law firm Locke Lord, where he will work on a wide range of corporate matters, including AIM and Main Market listings, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other transactional work. His extensive experience with clients in many different sectors, along with his active involvement in jurisdictions such as Spain, Latin America and Australia, will boost the Firm's capabilities in serving clients around the world.

Channo joins from Fox Williams as a Partner. A significant part of his practice is focused on energy and equity capital markets for oil and gas and mining companies and acting for corporate finance houses. He also has wide-ranging experience in the hotel, leisure and retail sectors. He speaks fluent Spanish and has advised a number of Spanish and Latin American businesses with transactions in the UK and internationally.

"Strategically, James complements our London office's capabilities in the M&A and capital markets arenas," said Stephen Finch, Global Executive Committee Member based in Locke Lord's London office. "We believe his international experience will be an excellent fit for an international Firm such as ours."

Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements said: "We are very fortunate to have James commit to our Firm. His years of working with a wide range of international clients, including noted players in the energy community in which Locke Lord is so well-known, will further strengthen our reputation in this important sector. He has the right blend of entrepreneurial spirit and energy to join our dynamic London team," she said.

Channo is the second Partner to join Locke Lord's London office this week, following Monday's announcement that new Partner Ian McKenna, formerly of Mayer Brown, had joined the Firm's Insurance and Reinsurance team.

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