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Locke Lord Expands Global Energy Offerings With Addition of Matthew Daffurn as Partner in London Office

(LONDON) 11 February 2020 – **Matthew Daffurn** has joined Locke Lord's **London** office as a Partner in the Firm's premier **Energy** Practice Group. His breadth of experience and technical skill set in energy and infrastructure, project finance and emerging markets will enhance the Firm's global offerings for energy clients.

"Matthew's deep and well-rounded knowledge of the energy industry, and particularly his experience in Africa and other emerging markets, complements both our strong London team and our well-regarded team across the Firm's U.S. offices," said **David Grant**, Managing Partner of Locke Lord's London office. "He is an entrepreneurial lawyer with impressive credentials, and his capabilities will further advance our robust, full-service client offerings in global energy matters and transactions."

Daffurn, who joins Locke Lord from Linklaters, provides capabilities in mergers and acquisitions, projects and finance work across all segments of the energy industry, including upstream exploration and production companies as well as in midstream and downstream project development and renewable power. He has significant experience acting for corporations, lenders, sponsors, governments and multilateral agencies in relation to development, financing, acquisition and disposals of energy and infrastructure projects in Africa and other emerging markets. His extensive experience also encompasses clients and matters in petrochemicals and nuclear, conventional power and electricity infrastructure.

Daffurn is a frequent speaker and presenter across all aspects of project financings and the oil and gas value chain. He is also an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators.

"Locke Lord's dedicated global energy platform will enable me to best serve clients across the entire sector and in every geography, including both mid-market and Africa," said Daffurn. "The Firm's long-standing commitment to clients in the energy sector, coupled with the comprehensive knowledge and experience of its respected team of energy lawyers, presents exciting opportunities to expand my practice."

Locke Lord has earned a reputation as one of the world's preeminent energy law firms. The Energy Practice Group is involved in all aspects of the energy value chain and is prominent in traditional oil and gas. Lawyers represent clients in a broad range of M&A and project development activities. The team is also involved in recent trends in the energy business,



including wind and other renewable energy projects, LNG, alternative fuels, retail energy and rejuvenated energy trading markets. In addition, Locke Lord lawyers are extremely active in private equity and venture capital transactions and fund formation engagements for energy clients.

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Locke Lord's London office advises major corporations, financial institutions, individuals and overseas-based investors in the areas of capital markets, corporate M&A, asset finance, banking and finance, dispute resolution, employment, energy, financial services, general commercial, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, real estate, and restructuring and insolvency. As an integral part of Locke Lord's global presence, Locke Lord's London office serves clients in the UK and United States and throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific.

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Locke Lord is a full-service law firm with global reach and 21 offices designed to meet clients' needs in the United States and around the world. The Firm has a history that spans more than 130 years and is a leader in the middle market arena. Locke Lord focuses on providing the highest levels of commitment, quality and service to clients across its five Key Sectors: Energy and Infrastructure; Finance and Financial Services; Insurance and Reinsurance; Pharmaceutical; and Private Equity. In addition, the Firm advises clients across a broad spectrum of other industries, including fund formation, venture capital, health care, public finance, real estate, technology, cybersecurity and white collar, while providing a wealth of experience through its complex litigation, intellectual property, tax, regulatory and transactional teams.