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M+K LAWYERS EXPANDS IN SYDNEY WITH A NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND COMMODITIES PRACTICE

Macpherson+Kelley Lawyers (M+K) is continuing to grow and building a more comprehensive portfolio of legal services to support client needs. In its latest move the firm has announced the formation of a new national transport and commodities practice which will be headed by Geoff Farnsworth who joins the firm as Principal.

Over the last 18 months M+K has been on a steep growth trajectory to meet the needs of an expanding base of clients, most of which have revenues between \$5 million and \$500 million. According to Managing Director Damian Paul, "We are shaping the firm so that we are able to offer clients a comprehensive range of legal services, and that's where Geoff Farnsworth comes in.

"Geoff has accepted an invitation to head up our national transport and commodities practice. This is a new area for M+K and will expand the range of services we can offer to clients".

Geoff's career spans over 20 years. His practice focuses on litigious and commercial transport and commodity law. His expertise includes dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration and mediation, commercial and transactional advice and contractual review and drafting. Geoff acts for clients including shipping and transport, traders, storage and handlers, manufacturers and exporters, trade financiers and industry associations.

Also joining M+K are two Lawyers and a support team who will work for the transport and commodities practice group. The team will be initially based in Sydney and will have a national focus and expects to grow in line with client demand.

"My clients need a range of quality legal services. I was attracted to M+K because it is dedicated to performing quality legal work and understands the commercial realities that businesses face" said Farnsworth who was previously with another Sydney based firm.

The appointment of Geoff Farnsworth takes the firm to 77 Lawyers including 29 Principals nationally.

NOTE TO EDITORS: M+K Lawyers is a commercial law firm focussed on advising growing corporations around Australia. In business for 104 years and with more than 75 Lawyers, including 29 Principals, M+K has offices in Melbourne, Dandenong (Vic), Sydney and North Sydney. M+K's international experience is strengthened through its strategic affiliation with Multilaw, a global association of over 70 law firms worldwide providing clients access to Lawyers in the UK, Europe, Asia, USA and the sub-continent.

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