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M+K Lawyers expands tax practice in Sydney

Peter Laverick joins commercial law firm Macpherson + Kelley's (M+K) Sydney office as tax Principal in July. He has been charged with growing the firm's tax practice in its Sydney office to meet the needs of M+K's growing client base.

Peter joins Rob Warnock, M+K's tax Principal based in Melbourne, and together they will spearhead the firm's expanding tax group.

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. M+K's tax team complements the extensive range of commercial law services the firm already provides.

"The scale of M+K means that we are large enough to offer a comprehensive range of tax related legal services, but not so big that our lawyers only service boutique tax niches," said Peter Laverick. "Our tax lawyers can each provide a comprehensive range of services so that a company can turn to one M+K lawyer for all the tax issues associated with commercial matters such as transfer of business, structuring and restructuring, capital raising and so forth."

"M+K performs quality commercial legal work. With the growth now taking place in the tax group we will be able to offer a comprehensive suite of services in this area to all our clients" according to Peter Laverick.

"As M+K continues to grow its practice in Sydney and Melbourne and, over time, across Australia, it is important to be able to offer a comprehensive range of tax related legal advice to meet the needs of our clients who expect one firm to satisfy all their legal needs," said Peter Laverick.

According to Peter Laverick, the key issues currently exercising clients' minds were looming tax reform, and what that might deliver to business; employment taxes; the structuring of eligible termination payouts as companies facing tough times are forced to downsize; and effective structuring of employee share ownership plans in light of the recent government attention on this area.

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 70 Lawyers, including 28 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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