

PRESS RELEASE10th September 2020**Strata Partners advises on the simultaneous sale of Forensic Access and Axiom International to Limerston Capital**

Strata Partners is delighted to announce that it acted as exclusive corporate finance adviser on the simultaneous sale of Forensic Group Limited and Forensic Axis Limited, (trading respectively as Forensic Access and Axiom International (together the "Businesses")) to Limerston Capital Partners I, L.P. These are two established businesses in forensic science services and international institutional reform and capacity building.

Operating from state-of-the-art facilities in Wantage (Oxfordshire), Forensic Access was established by Professor Angela Gallop in 1986 to provide high quality advice and guidance, and cutting edge science across all sectors of criminal and private sector justice. Forensic Access has since evolved to provide a comprehensive range of forensic science services both in the UK and internationally, with particular expertise in firearms and ballistics, fingerprints, forensic biology and DNA, animal forensics and a wide range of niche forensic and medico-legal capabilities.

With its headquarters in London, Axiom International operates globally, delivering imaginative, sustainable solutions in the fields of strategic capacity building, institutional and public sector reform, justice and peacebuilding, and national security development in some of the world's most challenging regions.

Benefiting from investment by Limerston, the Businesses will now form the basis of a new international criminal justice services provider offering the very best of British forensic science, criminal justice and national security expertise to police forces, legal professionals and governments worldwide.

Management and founders will retain a significant minority shareholding as part of the transaction and will work with Limerston to accelerate the growth of the Businesses, both organically and via carefully considered acquisitions that bring additional forensic and criminal justice specialisms and capabilities.

Management and the principal shareholders of parent company Forensic Axis were advised by Strata Partners.

Commenting, Professor Angela Gallop, CEO of Forensic Group and Forensic Axis said: "Strata Partners were instrumental in identifying this opportunity for us, and in helping us choose Limerston as our preferred partner for this exciting next phase of our development. Managing two transactions and numerous stakeholders to a simultaneous completion took an immense amount of expertise, tact and energy for which we're very grateful. We look forward to working with Mark and the team at Strata in delivering the next stage of our strategy".

About Strata Partners

Founded in 2002, Strata Partners is an independent corporate finance partnership headquartered in London that provides buy side and sell side mergers & acquisitions advice and capital raising services to technology and science-enabled businesses across the globe. Learn more about Strata at www.strata-partners.com.



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