

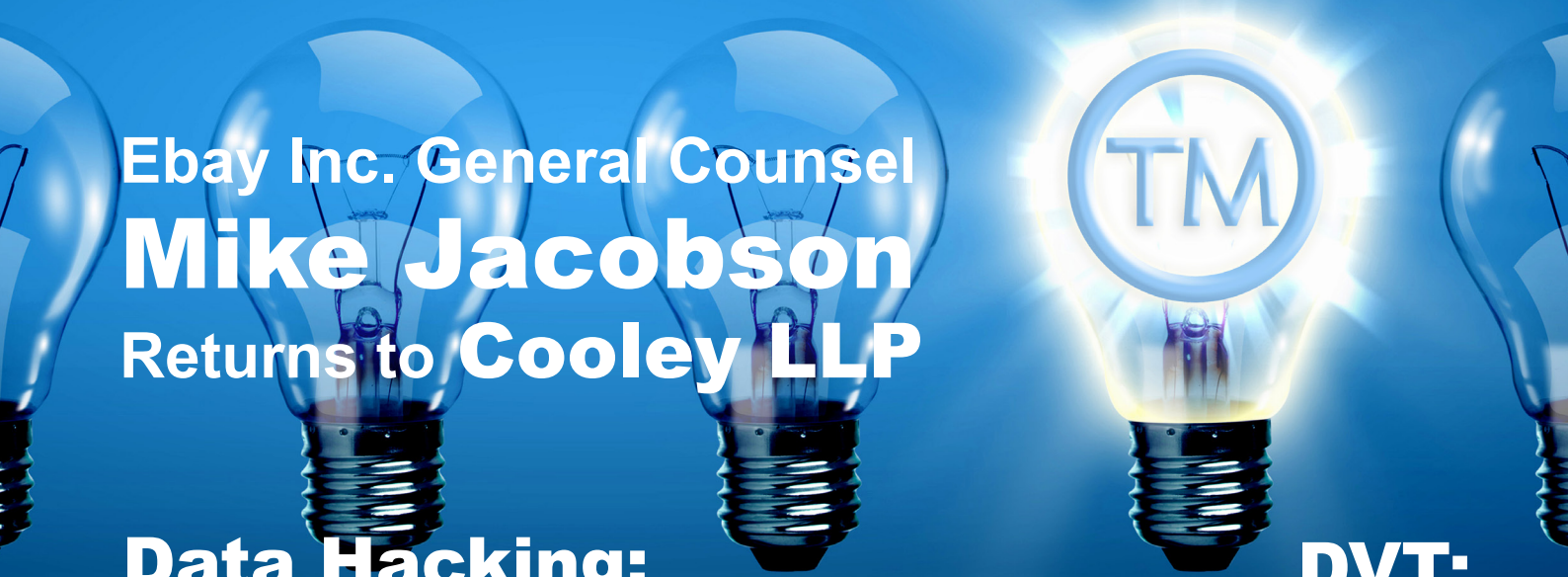
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What's happening in the world of M&As and IPOs?

Each month we take a look at the top deals, mergers and leases in the M&A sphere, often including exclusive insight from the law firms involved in advisory, their opinions and thoughts on the deal, and an exploration of the challenges therein.

In recent news we have seen a huge investment from food giant Danone, which got its hooks on a \$12,500 million US deal for The WhiteWave Foods Company. We also saw a \$13,000 million acquisition from TransCanada for the Columbia Pipeline Group Inc.

Rumour also still goes that chocolate king The Hershey Company has received a takeover offer for \$22,831 million from Mondelez International, and that Netmarble Games 'may acquire stake in Playtika' for a price dubbed at \$4,335 million. In other news, the Danish telecommunications firm TDC has rejected a takeover approach from Apollo Global Management: Reuters, which was allegedly proposed at the beginning of the month for \$3,929 million.

The big one this month however, was the recently announced takeover of UK technology firm ARM Holdings by Japan's Softbank for £24 billion (\$32 billion). The Cambridge-based firm designs microchips, the ones that are used in most smartphones, including Apple's and Samsung's. Founded in 1990, ARM currently employs more than 3,000 people, and is a massive asset win for Japan's Softbank.

This month *Lawyer Monthly* reports on several events that will undoubtedly have an impact in the global M&A sphere. These range from IPOs and fundraisers to acquisitions and company launches in the fields of sports, energy, insurance and real estate. Some of these include the launch of QSuper's own life insurance subsidiary for its 550,000 members, the 1.75 million Euro fund raise by Cevotec, and the buyout of Allfin Group by ImmoBiel, with over 440,000 m² of coverage in its projects.

We hope you enjoy the next few pages, the transactions reported on and the expertise provided by the law firms at the centre of the deals, and *Lawyer Monthly* looks forward to bringing you the most prominent and noteworthy cash flows again next month.

Global Innovation South Africa S.A. signs with Asea Brown Boveri S.p.A., a contract for the implementation of power plants in Durban and Johannesburg

Legal and tax advisor to
Global Innovation South Africa S.A.:



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Global Innovation South Africa S.A. Signs Contract with Asea Brown Boveri S.P.A. for the Implementation of Power Plants in Durban & Johannesburg

FLA with Global Innovation South Africa S.A. for power plants in Durban & Johannesburg

Floresta Longo e Associati (FLA) has assisted Global Innovation South Africa S.A., engineering subsidiary of Sea System Engineering Ltd, in signing with ABB (Asea Brown Boveri S.p.A.), the contract for the implementation of power plants in the cities of Durban and Johannesburg.

The transaction, which is part of the high-tech work commissioned by the main contractor Eskom, was led by Partners Massimiliano Longo and Antonino Longo, with the help of legal and tax teams at FLA.

FLA con Global Innovation South Africa S.A. per le centrali elettriche a Durban e Johannesburg

FLA - Floresta Longo e Associati ha assistito Global Innovation South Africa S.A. società di ingegneria controllata da Sea System Engineering Ltd, nella stipula con ABB (Asea Brown Boveri S.p.A.), del contratto per l'implementazione di centrali elettriche nelle città di Durban e Johannesburg. L'operazione, che rientra nell'ambito dei lavori ad elevato contenuto tecnologico commessi dal main contractor Eskom è stata seguita dai name partners, Massimiliano Longo e Antonino Longo, con l'ausilio dei team legali e fiscali dello studio.

**La Française de l'Energie
IPO on Euronext Paris**



Legal counsel to Française de l'Energie for the IPO:

LPA, Lefèvre Pelletier & associés

US counsel for the Rule 144A placement:



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IPO of La Française de l'Energie

Française de l'Energie, a key participant in the gas sector in France, recently announced the completion of its IPO on compartment C of the Euronext regulated market in Paris (Euronext Paris), raising EUR 37.5 million through a capital increase.

The Open Price Offering and the Global Placement price was set at EUR 27 per share. The total number of shares issued will be 1,388,889, resulting in a capital increase of EUR 37.5 million. Based on a total of 5,065,174 shares to be admitted to the market and a price of EUR 27 per share, La Française de l'Energie's valuation is EUR 137 million at the end of the operation.

French law firm Lefèvre Pelletier & associés, Avocats advised the company on the IPO.

Julien Moulin, Chairman & CEO of La Française de l'Energie states: "We are pleased about the completion of La Française de l'Energie's IPO on Euronext Paris. We would like to thank first of all our historical shareholders who have renewed their trust and demonstrated their ongoing support to our strategy. We would also like to thank each of our new investors, individuals or professionals, for putting their savings and trust in our unique project focusing on developing local cleaner gas production for the benefits of the territories where we operate. The quality of the investor base is another positive takeaway from this fund raising exercise. With the funding of RGreen Invest, the capital raise is a significant milestone in our development strategy and will enable us to focus on the implementation of our development in Lorraine and Nord-Pas-de-Calais."