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News Release

New business created from collaboration between human resource and law firms

Funding of deal by Co-operative Bank proves its open for corporate business

Collaboration between two member firms of finest, the North Staffordshire professional firms network, has spawned a new business, MPCG Business Solutions Limited.

For several years HR support services had been provided to Hacking Ashton Solicitors LLP by the Managing Consultant of MPCG Limited which specialises in HR, Business Process Change and Occupational Health Services.

The positive working relationship led to the launch of the new business to ensure the growth of HR and Business Process Change consultancy services.

The new business will operate under the daily direction of two MPCG founders, directors Bob Bell and Stella Cooke.

Their strategy is to grow the business by providing a wider range of services underpinned by professional employment law support contracted from the Hacking Ashton employment law department.

The merger that created the new business was funded for the Co-operative Bank by Daran Harding, Business Development Manager, corporate relationship banking, at the North Midlands corporate banking centre of the Co-operative Bank.

Daran said: "This deal shows that even in today's uncertain economic climate, we are still very much open for business and lending to firms with impressive business strategies, such as Hacking Ashton and MPCG.

"We are in a strong position to provide funding for existing and new customers, unlike some other lenders who seem to be more reluctant to provide funding at this current time."

Bob Bell, Managing Director of MPCG Business Solutions Limited, said: "Having worked with Hacking Ashton partners over some years it became obvious that our professional approaches to the delivery of client services could complement each other and add value to MPCG Business Solution's clients.

"The new company provides a huge opportunity to grow our service delivery in spite of the current negative economic forecasts. Against this background we appreciate the positive support the venture has received from the Cooperative Bank."

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