

## Dehns acquires leading Norwegian IP Consultancy

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Dehns, one of Europe's leading firms of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, has today announced the acquisition of Leogriff, one of Norway's leading Intellectual Property (IP) Consultancies.

With the addition of the highly experienced Leogriff team, and an office in Oslo, Dehns now offers an enhanced level of IP expertise and knowledge. The enhancement is not only in IP consultancy services, but also in its capabilities when representing clients directly before the Norwegian Intellectual Property Office in patents, designs and trade marks, to complement its full service offerings before the UK Intellectual Property Office, the German Patent and Trade Mark Offices, the EPO, and the EUIPO.

This expansion further strengthens Dehns' offering in: IP strategy; IP management; portfolio management; patentability assessments; searching; drafting, filing and prosecution; oppositions and appeals; infringement advice; FTO assessments, IP ownership; litigation and litigation support; trade secrets and information control; full trade mark (including name creation), designs and copyright services; licensing; research collaboration advice; and due diligence.

**Adrian Samuels, Partner at Dehns, commented:** *"This acquisition is a major opportunity to provide Dehns' clients with a significantly enhanced offer in the European IP market. With the addition of the Leogriff team, Dehns can provide even greater knowledge and expertise, particularly in areas relating to IP management and strategy consultancy, which is a key focus for innovative businesses. Furthermore, we are delighted that, having been working closely with Norwegian innovators and industry leaders for over half a century, Dehns' ongoing success will be supported by this direct investment in Norway."*

**Axel Moulin, Leogriff Chairman, added:** *"With several mutual clients already, I am delighted that we are now part of the Dehns family; it is a very natural fit, both culturally and technically. Our integration, with added synergies, support and enhanced services, will certainly benefit existing Leogriff clients. We are very excited about working with our new Dehns colleagues and developing future business opportunities. We also look forward to working with Dehns' current and future clients, providing advice and expertise in new areas."*

### About Dehns and Leogriff

- Founded in 1920, Dehns is a top tier ranked firm and one of Europe's leading firms of patent and trade mark attorneys with more than 230 staff across 8 offices: London, Munich, Oslo, Oxford, Brighton, Manchester, Bristol and Sandwich.

- Dehns' patent work comes from European direct clients, particularly from Scandinavia, as well as the UK. The firm also acts for a large number of multinational US clients and handles a significant amount of work originating in Asia. Most of the firm's trade mark work comes from the UK and from US direct clients. Clients include private inventors, universities and research institutions, start-ups, SMEs, as well as large multinational corporations.
- Dehns' patent attorneys have expertise in a comprehensive range of technologies across the full spectrum of engineering, chemistry and biotechnology sectors.
- On average the firm files 4000+ UK, European and international patent, trade mark and design applications each year (in 2019 this number increased to more than 6,000) and carries out a high level of opposition and litigation work. In each of the years 2015 – 2019, Dehns filed more patent applications than any other UK patent attorney firm.
- Dehns has been operating in the Scandinavian market for more than 50 years, and is member of organisations such as Norway Health Tech, Aleap, StartUpLab, Oslo Cancer Cluster, ShareLab, and other key organisations in the Norwegian innovation ecosystem.
- Leogriff is a Norwegian Intellectual Property focused Management Consultancy, which has been supporting companies, investors, research institutes and universities with their IP strategy, IP management, IP research and IP-based business development, and strategy implementation since 2002.
- Leogriff was co-founded with Kjeller Innovation, a technology transfer organisation and incubator at the Kjeller Research Park. Working with a broad range of research institutes and start-ups, Leogriff has special competence in using IP to support collaborative R&D. Leogriff has been engaged in IP research involving the Center for Intellectual Property in Gothenburg and NTNU, as well as creating research reports for the Norwegian IP Office and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.
- Dehns and Leogriff have been collaborating on Norwegian projects together since 2004.

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