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Sharemark's network of advisers grows as Dechert seeks new opportunities

- Law firm Dechert is the latest to join Sharemark's network of advisers
 - Sharemark sees number of advisers in its network grow
 - Continued growth can be attributed to AIM delisting

Sharemark, a leading alternative share-trading platform, today announced Dechert LLP has joined its growing number of advisers. Like many law firms, Dechert is keen to take advantage of the business opportunities provided by companies delisting from senior markets for alternative secondary markets.

Under current market conditions, an increasing number of companies are finding the cost of being listed on senior markets, such as AIM, far outweighs the benefits. Therefore, many companies are seeking the advice of solicitors to ensure they delist while maintaining a high profile, and making any necessary cost savings.

Sophie Douglas, manager of Sharemark, said: "The introduction of Dechert to our growing number of advisers is testament to Sharemark's reputation among legal professionals. I look forward to working with Dechert to ensure the best possible solution is provided to companies in need of a share-trading platform."

Iain Wallace, managing director of Sharemark, said: "I am particularly delighted to welcome our legal advisers, Dechert LLP, to the Sharemark Advisers' Network.

"Dechert has a deep understanding of Sharemark and the potential benefits it offers to companies which, combined with their practical, solutions-based approach, will be of considerable advantage to issuers joining Sharemark."

Dechert is an internationally recognised law firm. The London office practices in the firm's core areas of corporate and securities, financial services and investment management, finance and real estate, litigation and intellectual property, among other fields including EU and UK competition and other regulatory advice.

Sean Geraghty, partner at Dechert LLP, said: "Dechert is pleased to be a member of the Sharemark Advisers' Network. We are particularly keen to exploit the marketing opportunities offered by this new venture and look forward to the increased referrals and potential new revenue streams afforded by our joining the organisation."

Sharemark expects the number of advisers to join its network to grow in the coming months based on the number of companies delisting from major trading platforms in favour of more suitable trading facilities.

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About Sharemark

Sharemark is a periodic auction-based dealing facility designed primarily for emerging or smaller companies. Its website www.sharemark.com shows bids to buy and offers to sell. The price is set at each auction by calculating the single price at which as many orders as possible will be filled. Auction frequency is generally determined by the number of shareholders a company has and the likely trading volumes.

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Our corporate and securities practice, which includes both UK- and US-qualified lawyers, focuses on complex cross-border transactions relating to private equity, mergers and acquisitions, banking, corporate finance, especially debt and equity offerings and placements, IPOs, corporate restructuring, as well as fund formation and related investment activities.