



Mills Oakley advises Bureau Veritas on key Australian acquisition

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National law firm Mills Oakley has advised Bureau Veritas on its acquisition of a majority stake in construction compliance service provider McKenzie Group.

Bureau Veritas is an international certification agency which is listed in France with a market capitalisation of approximately €10bn. McKenzie Group is a leading Australian integrated compliance based service provider, offering building certification, compliance audits, consulting and accessibility assessment services to public and private sector clients.

This deal will see Bureau Veritas acquire a 65% equity stake in McKenzie Group, with the transaction due to be completed before the end of this year.

The Mills Oakley team was led by Partner Daniel Livingston and included Special Counsel Nicole Tumiati and lawyer Ellen Rattray. McKenzie Group was advised by Paul Washington of Redman Lynch Washington.

This is the second time Mills Oakley has advised Bureau Veritas on a major transaction in as many years. Last year, Mills Oakley assisted Bureau Veritas in a joint acquisition of Dairy Technical Services, Australia's leading provider of microbiological and chemical laboratory services to the food and dairy industries. This acquisition was undertaken in conjunction with New Zealand state-owned-enterpriseASUREQuality.

Mills Oakley partner Daniel Livingston said that the McKenzie Group acquisition would significantly enhance the Bureau Veritas footprint in Australia. "This deal will see Bureau

Veritas employ over 2000 people in Australia and will allow McKenzie Group to consolidate their market-leading position in Australia, under the Bureau Veritas brand," he said. "We congratulate Bureau Veritas on this transaction."

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