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BLACKPEAK OPENS IN LONDON - HIRES CHRIS ALLEN

Hong Kong 9 October 2019 – Blackpeak Group (“Blackpeak”) is delighted to announce the official opening of its office in London today as part of its strategy to expand its business and services in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Blackpeak has been conducting work across EMEA for many years. Now, having recently joined Acuris, Blackpeak has access to an additional 100 investigative researchers in Europe, the vast database resources of Acuris, and is part of a family of best-in-class risk management products. Via its new London office and across EMEA, Blackpeak will provide comprehensive global due diligence and investigative research coverage for clients as well as expand its service offerings to address strong client demand for greater accessibility to Blackpeak’s research.

As part of its EMEA strategy, Blackpeak is also proud to announce the appointment of Chris Allen as a director based in London. Chris will lead Blackpeak’s research and diligence business lines in EMEA. Prior to joining Blackpeak, Chris spent eight years with Goldman Sachs, where he was an Executive Director in the bank’s Business Intelligence Group. Chris led the bank’s due diligence on high profile capital markets and private equity transactions, advising global committees on legal, regulatory, and reputational risk. He has extensive experience in navigating issues related to economic sanctions, bribery, corruption, and complex reputational considerations. Earlier in his career, Chris was a manager for a global risk consultancy, where he worked in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and London on due diligence matters and investigations into fraud and corruption. Chris will focus on executing projects for Blackpeak’s Europe-based clients and building up the firm’s research team and capabilities in London and Europe.

“We’re delighted to open our new office in London as the first step in our EMEA strategy formulated in conjunction with our parent company, Acuris,” said Jack Clode, Managing Director and co-Founder of Blackpeak. “In Chris Allen, we have hired one of the industry’s brightest and most experienced risk specialists. With support from Acuris we expect to expand with additional hires and new offices rapidly.”

“I’m excited to be joining Blackpeak at a time when the group’s expansion becomes truly global,” said Chris Allen. “The new London office will form a critical part of our EMEA roll-out and I look forward to participating in that expansion and continuing to build the enviable Blackpeak reputation for work of the highest quality.”

Notes for Editors

Blackpeak is an international investigative research firm. Founded in Asia, the firm now operates from strategic locations in key financial and economic international centers, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, London, New York, Washington DC, Shanghai and Beijing.

We handle highly complex research assignments, including integrity due diligence, internal and external investigations, asset searches, business intelligence for institutional and hedge fund investors, stakeholder mapping, political risk research and more. Each project is executed by our in-house team with unmatched in-country expertise, using customized investigative methodologies.

Blackpeak’s clients include the world’s leading investment banks, corporations, law firms and asset managers.

In 2019, Blackpeak was acquired by Acuris, a provider of global data, intelligence research and analysis.

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