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## WHITE & CASE IN POLAND CHANGES ITS NAME

*The Firm incorporates the names of partners  
Paweł Pietkiewicz and Marcin Studniarek*

**Warsaw, 17 September 2012** – Global law firm White & Case LLP has changed the name of the Firm in Poland to White & Case P. Pietkiewicz, M. Studniarek i Wspólnicy - Kancelaria Prawna sp.k.

As required by Polish company regulations, the name incorporates the names of two of the Firm's partners resident in Poland – advocate Paweł Pietkiewicz and legal advisor Marcin Studniarek. Pietkiewicz stepped into the role of executive partner of the Warsaw office earlier this year.

“Our dedicated approach to client service will not alter because the Firm's name locally has changed,” said executive partner of the Warsaw office, Paweł Pietkiewicz. “Our team of more than 80 lawyers has extensive international experience and capabilities and remain well placed to support our clients navigate today's legal and economic complexities and challenges. Of course, our team in Poland is an integral part of White & Case globally, with its more than 2,000 lawyers in 26 different countries.”

Since the opening of its office in Warsaw in 1991, White & Case has founded and developed practices in Poland, including dispute resolution, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, banking, finance and restructuring, energy and real estate and the Firm's lawyers have worked on many of the country's most significant transactions and litigation cases.

The qualifications and professionalism of White & Case are regularly recognised in the rankings of leading independent Polish and international periodicals and legal benchmark publications, including *Rzeczpospolita*, *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna*, *Chambers*, *IFLR 1000*, *The Legal 500*, and *PLC Which Lawyer?*.



**Paweł Pietkiewicz**  
**Warsaw Office Executive Partner**  
**White & Case**

Expertise: Commercial Litigation; International Arbitration

Paweł Pietkiewicz has extensive experience across a wide range of litigation and arbitration cases. For the past several years, he has continuously been cited as one of Poland's leading litigators in *The Legal 500*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global*.

Between 2007 and 2009 he was a member of the Civil Law Codification Commission at the Ministry of Justice, working on draft collective redress and class action legislation.

Paweł is also a reporter for Poland for the European Justice Forum and takes an active role in the organization's activities. He is a co-author of the commentary to the Act on Pursuing Claims in a Group Action.

Formerly, Paweł was an arbitrator in proceedings carried out at the National Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Confederation of Private Employers "Lewiatan" and the Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. He was the Chairman of the Appointing Committee of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Confederation of Private Employers "Lewiatan" and is entered on the court's list of arbitrators.

Paweł is co-author of several specialized publications including *The Commercial Arbitration, Private Law System (Arbitraż Handlowy, System Prawa Prywatnego)*, C.H. Beck 2010 and "Poland: Capacity to enter into an arbitration agreement," *International Arbitration Law Review* and is the author of many articles.

He is Warsaw Office Executive Partner and heads one of the largest dispute resolution teams in Poland.



**Marcin Studniarek**  
**Partner**  
**White & Case**

Expertise: Capital Markets; Mergers & Acquisitions

Marcin Studniarek heads the Firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets practices in Warsaw. He has advised on public offerings, mergers and acquisitions on Polish and international markets, and on debt instruments of Polish and foreign companies. The latest editions of *Chambers Europe 2012* and *Chambers Global 2012* recommend Marcin in the categories of Corporate Advice/Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets. He is also, recommended as a leading lawyer in the latest edition of *IFLR 1000 2012* in the Capital Markets and Mergers & Acquisitions categories.

Marcin Studniarek advises on the largest projects in capital markets both in Poland and abroad. The projects he has worked on include: advising Jastrzębska Spółka Węglowa S.A. in connection with its listing on the Warsaw Stock Exchange (more than PLN 5 billion); advising Eureka B.V. on the servicing of the sale of shares in PZU S.A. for PZU S.A.'s IPO (PLN 8 billion); advising on the IPO of Lubelski Węgiel "Bogdanka" S.A.; advising banks on

the public offering of Kulczyk Oil Ventures; and advising on the public offerings of several Ukrainian companies (e.g., Agroton Public Limited and Industrial Milk Company).

As part of his mergers & acquisitions practice, he advises on public and non-public deals, leveraged buyouts and joint venture transactions. His latest deals have included: advising PGNiG on the acquisition of Vattenfall Heat Poland (almost PLN 3 billion); advising the EQT private equity fund in connection with the acquisition of HTL-Strefa S.A. (more than PLN 800 million); advising the Eton Park private equity fund on the acquisition of Ruch S.A. (more than PLN 600 million); and advising Sanofi-Aventis on the acquisition of Nepentes S.A. (some PLN 400 million).

He has also been involved in numerous bond offerings, including: for the Ministry of Finance in connection with international treasury bond issues, including in the United States (almost USD 5 billion); for banks on several bond issues and TVN Eurobonds; and for Katowicki Holding Węglowy S.A. on a bond issue (PLN 900 million).

### **About White & Case**

White & Case LLP is a leading global law firm with lawyers in 38 offices in 26 countries. Among the first US-based law firms to establish a truly global presence, we provide counsel and representation in virtually every area of law that affects cross-border business. Our clients value both the breadth of our global network and the depth of our US, English and local law capabilities in each of our regions and rely on us for their complex cross-border transactions, as well as their representation in arbitration and litigation proceedings.

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