

BLG Launches M&A Building Blocks

A new resource that discusses the key facets of negotiating and completing an M&A deal

Toronto (February 9, 2017) — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) is pleased to announce the launch of an insightful new resource, M&A Building Blocks. This resource will feature a series of articles that provide an indepth look into different aspects of M&A transactions from start to finish, such as confidentiality agreements, negotiating deal protections and advising special committees. While the emphasis is on deals involving public companies, BLG's M&A Building Blocks are also applicable to private M&A.

The first instalment in the series, *Introduction to the Deal*, outlines key threshold issues and process points that must be considered in an M&A transaction, such as due diligence, approvals, financing, structure and timetables. While every deal is unique, these process points and issues will typically be of importance to both purchasers and sellers.

"We strive to help our clients navigate the complex field of mergers and acquisitions, and provide them with tools to enhance their knowledge on key aspects of the deal," stated Frank Callaghan, BLG's national group head, Corporate and Capital Markets. "As we expect robust M&A activity in 2017, it is increasingly important for our clients to be suitably prepared."

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