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The European Infra M&A Market: Pushing the Boundaries of Infrastructure

DATE: 08.30-09.30 WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH

LOCATION: ASHURST LLP, BROADWALK HOUSE, 5 APPOLD ST, LONDON EC2A 2HA



08.00-08.30 Registration & Networking

08.30-09.30 Panel Session

Panel Moderator: **Jason Radford**, Partner, Ashurst LLP

Panel Members:

- **John Bruen**, Managing Director, Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (Europe)
- **Paul Nash**, Partner & Head Infrastructure, DIF
- **John Hanna**, Principal, Basalt Infrastructure Partners
- **Ben Loomes**, Head of Infrastructure, InfraRed Capital Partners

09.30 Panel Close and Networking

JOHN BRUEN

MANAGING DIRECTOR (MIRA), HEAD OF TRANSPORT EUROPE



John leads the transport sector team for MIRA in Europe and is heavily involved in the ongoing management of the growing portfolio of transport assets in the Macquarie European Infrastructure Funds. In addition to leading the acquisition of AGS Airports (Glasgow Airport, Aberdeen Airport and Southampton Airports in the UK) from Heathrow Airport

Holdings, John also led the sale of Bristol Airport in 2014. John is currently a director of AGS Airports, Brussels Airport, Copenhagen Airport and Macquarie Autoroutes France. He is a member of the European Management Committee of MIRA Europe.

John joined MIRA in 2013, having previously spent eight years at Ferrovial, one of the world's leading infrastructure investors, as Corporate Development Director. While at Ferrovial, John led a number of major M&A transactions, including the acquisition of BAA plc, and subsequently BAA's non-core asset divestment programme in the UK. In total, John oversaw asset sales in excess of £8.5 billion including Stansted, Gatwick and Edinburgh Airports in the UK, as well as BAA international and non-airport assets. Prior to joining Ferrovial, he was a director at RBC Capital Markets in London.

John has a Bachelor of International Commerce and a Master's in International Business from University College Dublin.

PAUL NASH

PARTNER, HEAD OF PPP/INFRASTRUCTURE, DIF



Paul Nash is a Partner of DIF and the Head of PPP/Infrastructure activities. Paul joined DIF in 2008 to establish its operations in the UK. He is responsible for the PPP/Infrastructure activities within DIF and is involved in the analysis, execution, optimisation and exit of PPP/PFI Investments.

Prior to DIF he was a Director at XL Capital Assurance where he was responsible for writing AAA-rated financial guarantees for infrastructure bonds across Europe. In his earlier career, Paul spent ten years originating and structuring senior debt for infrastructure and project finance transactions at Rabobank International and he was later Deputy Head of Structured Finance at Landesbank Hessen Thüringen, both in London. He has a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Loughborough University, UK and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Imperial College, University of London, UK.

JOHN HANNA

PRINCIPAL, BASALT INFRASTRUCTURE



John joined Basalt at its inception and is located in the London office. John advises on the origination, execution, management and operation of investments for the Firm. John is currently a director of McEwan Power, Wightlink, Comax, North Star and Mareccio Energia. Previously, John was a transaction

director within Balfour Beatty Investments and has 17 years of infrastructure investment and advisory experience. While at Balfour Beatty Investments, John was involved in the origination and acquisition of infrastructure assets in sectors such as airports and offshore transmission and has been actively involved in the management of investments across Balfour Beatty Investments' wider portfolio.

Prior to joining Balfour Beatty Investments, John worked in the infrastructure financing teams at both PricewaterhouseCoopers and KPMG, advising private sector bidders and government bodies on transactions across the transport and social infrastructure sectors. John holds a Bachelor of Arts from Manchester Metropolitan University.

BEN LOOMES

HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE, INFRARED



Ben joined InfraRed in 2017 and is Managing Partner and Head of Infrastructure.

Ben has responsibility for leading InfraRed's global Infrastructure business with a focus on business development and origination of investment opportunities. He sits on a number of infrastructure investment committees.

Ben has 17 years' experience in investment management, strategy and corporate finance. Prior to joining InfraRed, Ben spent five years at 3i Group plc where he was Managing Partner and Co-head of 3i's Infrastructure business and previously Group Strategy Director. Ben was a member of 3i Group's Executive Committee and Investment Committee. In his role as Managing Partner of Infrastructure, Ben was responsible for leading the management of origination and the strategic development of 3i's Infrastructure business. Prior to this, Ben's experience was in corporate finance roles at Goldman Sachs, Greenhill and Morgan Stanley.

JASON RADFORD

PARTNER, ASHURST LLP



Jason Radford is a partner in Ashurst's infrastructure practice. Jason has been involved in many aspects of infrastructure transactions including joint ventures, M&A deals, fund raisings, project finance, and PPP/PFI transactions.

He has been involved in greenfield and brownfield transactions in numerous jurisdictions including the UK, US, Canada, the Caribbean, mainland Europe and Asia. Jason's reputation is reflected in being one of a very few number of lawyers to be ranked in both Chambers UK and Chambers US.

Jason is a member of the Ashurst Board (appointed in November 2016).