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New partner appointments at Lavan

Lavan is pleased to announce the appointment of **Krista Bates** as a corporate partner and **Lawrence Lee** as a Reconstruction and Insolvency partner.

Krista Bates has extensive experience advising a diverse base of private and listed clients globally on mergers and acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, private equity transactions, schemes of arrangements, corporate governance issues, commercial contracts and general corporate advice.

Previously head of the Africa Group for a large London law firm, Krista spent over a decade living in Africa and working throughout sub-Saharan Africa. As a result, Krista has an in-depth understanding of the nuances of investing in emerging markets.

Lavan's Managing Partner **Dean Hely** said, "Krista's commercial acumen and global experience will make her an invaluable source of advice for Lavan's clients who are navigating complex business issues in Australia and overseas."

Lawrence Lee is a restructuring, insolvency and litigation lawyer with particular experience in the financial services and energy and resources sectors.

Lawrence has acted on a range of large and complex restructuring and disputes matters for major Australian and international clients and has appeared as counsel in the Federal Court, the WA Supreme Court and in domestic and international arbitrations.

Lawrence also has extensive experience in schemes of arrangement and in directors' duties and regulatory and governance matters.

Lawrence commences with Lavan on 25 February 2019.

"Lawrence is an extremely well respected lawyer who has worked on some of Western Australia's most high profile reconstructions, external administrations and disputes. Lawrence will bring additional valuable experience to Lavan's highly regarded Reconstruction & Insolvency team", **Dean Hely** said.

About Lavan

Lavan is an independent Western Australian law firm. The firm has a 120-year history under the names Phillips Fox Perth, Lavan Solomon, Lavan & Walsh, Lavan Legal and Lavan. In November 2016 Lavan Legal became Lavan.

Lavan is a full service firm. We provide legal advice in corporate and commercial law, insolvency and reconstruction, banking and finance, construction and infrastructure, corporate disputes, cyber and data protection, employment and safety, energy & infrastructure, family law, intellectual property and technology, liquor and hospitality, litigation and dispute resolution, media and defamation, mining and

resources, oil and gas planning and environment, property and leasing, tax, tourism and sport, wills and estates and. Lavan's litigation team is one of the largest in Western Australia.

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