Press Release

Dubai Court of Appeal Approves the Restructuring Plan of Drake and Scull International

Dubai, UAE, 01 November 2023: Drake & Scull International PJSC (DSI), a market leader in the integrated design, engineering and construction disciplines of Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP), Water and Power, and Oil and Gas announced today the latest developments in regards to the application submitted to the Court regarding the restructuring of the Company and its subsidiaries.

DSI disclosed to the Dubai Financial Market ("DFM") the Court of Appeal's decision issued on Tuesday, November 1, 2023, which included:

- The Court's approval of the Company's restructuring plan in accordance with the plan agreed upon by the Company and approved by the majority of the creditors. The ruling also included the appointment of an expert to oversee the restructuring procedures, publication procedures in local newspapers, and setting a deadline of 20 days from the date of publication in local newspapers for unregistered creditors to register their names. Subsequently, a final list of all creditors and their debt amounts shall be determined.
- The Court granted the Company and its subsidiaries a period of 12 months to implement the restructuring plan, starting from the date of determining the final list of creditors; this period increases according to the progress of the restructuring procedures and the necessity of the situation at the time.
- The Court concluded its ruling by issuing the decision to stop all judicial procedures against the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as ceasing all execution procedures against the Company and its subsidiaries.

It is worth mentioning that the restructuring plan, in accordance with the approval vote it received from the creditors, which is now approved by the Court, included writing off 90% of the Company's debts in addition to raising the Company's capital to support its financial position and its ability to restore and sustain its commercial and operational activity.

Commenting on the Court ruling, Engr. Shafiq Abdelhamid, Chairman of DSI, said:" We are delighted by the Court of Appeal's decision and ruling to approve the agreed-upon restructuring plan, which was approved by the majority of creditors. The remaining procedures will be completed in accordance with what was stated in the Court's ruling and the approved restructuring plan."

He added:" I have previously stated my personal commitment, along with my fellow Board Members of DSI, to working hard, by all means, to restore some of the rights of shareholders who were harmed by the decisions that were previously taken in the Company by its previous management either through the plan that was developed to restructure the Company and settle Its debts in accordance with the provisions of the law, or through a fair and impartial judicial process to demand compensation from the previous management for these damages."

"The result of our efforts is finally evident through the Court's ruling related to the restructuring case, which was in the Company's favor. The Company, represented by its management, confirms its intention to complete the lawsuits filed against the previous management until the end." He added.

"Based on the ruling issued by the esteemed court approving the restructuring plan and upon completing all its conditions, the Company will cooperate with the Securities and Commodities Authority and the Dubai Financial Market to return its shares to trading as soon as possible, in addition to working on raising the Company's capital in accordance with the restructuring plan during the first quarter of 2024." Abdelhamid added.

"On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our shareholders for their patience during the previous period. I would also like to thank all parties and individuals who contributed to this important milestone. Furthermore, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Securities and Commodities Authority, the Dubai Financial Market, the Financial Reorganization Committee, and to the restructuring experts Aaronite Partners, Trussbridge Advisory, Hadef & Partners, Allen & Overy, and to all financial and legal advisors and experts, as well as all employees of DSI." He concluded.

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About Drake & Scull International PJSC

Drake & Scull International PJSC (DSI) specializes in world-class integrated design, engineering and construction projects. DSI's main business streams include engineering (MEP), construction, oil & gas and water & wastewater. The company operates across the GCC and the rest of the Middle East as well as Europe. DSI has completed more than 700 projects around the world in the aviation, residential and mixed-use real estate, power plant, cooling plant, hospitality, healthcare, renewable energy, data center, petrochemical, rail, commercial, government, leisure and infrastructure sectors.