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FRIEND LLP CONTINUES GROWTH PLANS WITH A NEW YEAR HIRE

Friend LLP, the Birmingham-based professional advisers, has hired transaction services and forensic accountancy specialist Georgina Clark as a Senior Manager in its Transaction Services team.

Georgina is the first of a number of key recruitments planned for 2009 to support the firm's continuing growth in both domestic and international markets.

Georgina qualified with Deloitte before spending four years with Grant Thornton, where she worked in the Transaction Advisory Services team. During her time at Grant Thornton, Georgina spent a nine month secondment as an interim financial controller with a Gibraltar-based construction company.

"Georgina has quickly established herself as a valuable member of our growing Transaction Services team," explains the firm's senior Partner, Malcolm Friend.

"Her international transaction services experience and forensic accountancy skills fit our growth plans, which we launched with the recruitment of corporate finance specialist Verender Badial in November last year. Georgina's strong business development skills will also be a valuable asset to Friend and we look forward to helping her develop her career with the firm."

Georgina adds: "I was attracted by the ambition and clear vision at Friend and I'm relishing the opportunity of working closely with new and existing clients in both the UK and overseas."

Friend LLP is a leading regional firm of professional advisers, with offices in Broad Street, Birmingham and Portman Square in London. The firm provides the full range of audit and business assurance, tax, corporate finance, transaction services, forensic, corporate

recovery and technology consulting services to private companies and financial institutions in both the UK and overseas. The practice has developed an expertise in assisting overseas companies with principal locations in North and Central America, Australia, Western Europe, India and Asia that are looking to establish businesses in the UK.

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