

Browne Jacobson advises Phenna Group on strategic acquisition of Construction Testing Services

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UK and Ireland law firm Browne Jacobson has advised Phenna Group on its acquisition of Construction Testing Services, a leading provider of construction materials testing services based in Northern Ireland.

Phenna Group, headquartered in Nottingham, is a leading global provider of testing, inspection, certification and compliance (TICC) services. It invests in and partners with selected niche, independent TICC companies across a variety of sectors, delivering first-class testing and assurance services to ensure customers' peace of mind.

Construction Testing Services has a well-established presence in Northern Ireland and has built a strong reputation for delivering high-quality construction materials testing, backed by technical expertise, a commitment to customer service and deep local expertise. The business will be integrated into Simtec, one of Phenna Group's materials testing specialists.

This transaction marks Phenna Group's 11th acquisition of 2025 and supports the strategic expansion of its Infrastructure Division, enhancing its geographic reach and service capabilities across the UK and Ireland. The addition of Construction Testing Services will complement Simtec's recent growth in London and East Anglia, further strengthening the group's operational capabilities and ability to support clients across the region.

Phil Marshall, CEO of Phenna Group, said: *"It's an absolute pleasure to welcome Roy and Michael, and their team to Phenna Group. We've been impressed by their team, culture, and quality of service. This acquisition supports our long-term growth strategy and further strengthens our Infrastructure Division's presence across the UK and Northern Ireland. I look forward to seeing the business thrive as part of Simtec, and I'm excited about the future opportunities this creates for our customers, colleagues and partners."*

The Browne Jacobson deal team was led by Matt Bolton, Partner in the corporate team, supported by Associates David Burdon and Abigail Noakes, and a multi-disciplinary team of due diligence specialists. Christian Burchardt (Senior Associate in corporate tax) led on the tax aspects.

Matt Bolton commented: *"We are very pleased to have supported Phenna Group on this strategic acquisition. Construction Testing Services has built a strong reputation as a leading provider of construction materials testing services in Northern Ireland and will augment the growth of Phenna Group's Infrastructure Division as part of Simtec."*

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