



## → Geldards Advise On £127m Takeover Of AIM Company

**Geldards recently advised AIM-listed Castle Support Services plc on its £127m recommended takeover by Sulzer Holdings (UK) Limited, a subsidiary of Sulzer Ltd, a Swiss company listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.**

Castle Support Services plc is the holding company of the Dowding & Mills Group, which provides high quality specialist electro-mechanical inspection, maintenance and repair services.

The Dowding & Mills Group, headquartered in Birmingham, has operations throughout the UK, as well as subsidiaries in the United States, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

Geldards have acted for the Dowding & Mills Group for a number of years, including advising on the recommended takeover of AIM-listed Dowding & Mills PLC by Rydenor Investments Limited in 2006 and subsequently on the Group's readmission to AIM via a reverse takeover by Castle Support Services plc in 2007.

The team was led by Partner Susan Sandford, who acted on both previous takeovers. The team also included Martyn Davies and Andrew Morris, Head of the Cardiff Corporate team.

Susan commented:

*"This was a particularly satisfying deal. Not only was it for a client for whom we have acted for a number of years and have seen grow over that time, but we were*

*also challenged by the tight timescales demanded. We relished the opportunity to meet these challenges and I am proud of the commitment shown by the team in ensuring the success of the deal.*

*"The deal is another example of the strength which we have in acting for public companies on major transactions. We wish the Sulzer Group every success with this excellent acquisition, which we believe will see both businesses go from strength to strength."*

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