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## Eversheds' Moscow office poaches McDermotts team

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Eversheds has poached nearly the entire team of McDermott Will & Emery's Moscow practice, The Lawyer can reveal.

Eversheds initially lured McDermotts' Moscow managing partner Britt Shaw at the end of 1998. The firm had had a working relationship with Shaw before its merger with Frere Cholmeley Bischoff.

The other founding partner of McDermotts' Moscow practice Dan Rothstein followed Shaw to Eversheds shortly after.

"Dan is my best friend here and it was logical we should continue to work together. He was just more comfortable with that," says Shaw.

Shaw and Rothstein were joined by lawyer Andrei Ponomarev and two Russian paralegals, leaving the McDermotts team with just one Russian lawyer, Nikita Sergeyev.

Between them Shaw and Rothstein have 17 years experience of working in Russia.

Shaw is a corporate lawyer specialising in the structuring and financing of direct foreign investment transactions.

Rothstein advises on Russian corporate and securities law and problems of foreign non-profit organisations. He has also worked as a clerk on the US Circuit Court and the Israeli Supreme Court.

Alan Jenkins, head of Eversheds' Continental European practice, says: "We are delighted to welcome this team to Eversheds. The expansion of our Moscow office is driven by client demands in this part of the world"

McDermotts has since hired Michael Mobbs from Squire Sanders & Dempsey to head up the Moscow office and is busy hiring new lawyers.

A spokeswoman from the office says it has already hired one lawyer, is borrowing one from the St Petersburg office and will hire another two or three before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Eversheds has completed its first major Moscow deal since the team was hired. It involves production and distribution licences issued by its client Bass Beers Worldwide to Megapak for the alcopop Hooper's Hooch and other drinks.

The team was led by James Kitcatt and Seva Rozhanets of ALM Advocates Bureau, Eversheds' associate in Russia.

Kitcatt says: "This transaction is the first of its kind in Russia following last year's crisis and demonstrates that the size of the potential market still makes it attractive for western multinationals."

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