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	Acted for Archipelago Resources Plc on its pre-flotation fundraisings and subsequent admission to AIM, raising £8 million for the purposes of exploration of gold interests in Indonesia and the Philippines and on its secondary placings (raising amounts of £30 million, £28 million and £9.7 million respectively) and disposal of assets. Advised on a share subscription and grant of options raising aggregate funds of £17.7 million.
ALPINE METALS PLC	Acted for Alpine Metals Plc in relation to the investment by RAB Capital.
	Advised Aurum Mining Plc , a company focused on acquiring gold projects in the former Soviet Union, on its initial placing and admission to AIM. Subsequently advised on its reverse takeover of Kaldora Company Limited, two returns of capital to shareholders in the aggregate sum of £236 million, and its disposal of its Kyrgyz mining assets for US\$15 million. Also advised the company on a number of significant secondary fundraisings.
  	Advised Collins Stewart Plc and Renaissance Capital Limited , brokers to Beacon Hill Resources Plc (whose principal asset is a coalmine in Mozambique), on two secondary fundraisings of approximately £35 million and a related due diligence exercise.
BLACKROCK	Advised BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust Plc , an investment company primarily focused on the mining and energy sector, on its placing on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and offer for subscription which raised £75 million. Advised the company on a subsequent secondary placing which raised £20 million.
BRANCOTE HOLDINGS PLC	Advised Brancote Holdings Plc on its initial AIM flotation, subsequent fundraisings (placings, open offers and rights issues), its joint venture with Murchison United NL to develop the Mount Cuthbert copper project in Queensland, Australia, a series of acquisitions of interests in Minera El Desquite S.A., the restructuring and offer for sale of shares in HPD Exploration Plc and its takeover by Meridian Gold Inc for US\$368 million.
 	Advised Origo Partners Plc on the acquisition of a 10% equity stake in Celadon Mining Limited , a China-focused coal mining and development company, for US\$8 million.
 	Advised Genkos Securities Plc , in its capacity as nominated adviser and joint broker to Kolar Gold Limited , in connection with Kolar's admission to trading on AIM and placing raising £12 million. Kolar is a Guernsey incorporated company with operations focused primarily on the exploration of the Kolar Gold Field region of Bangalore, India.














Our experience

<p>DANAE RESOURCES NL</p>	<p>Acted on Danae Resources NL's investment in Greenwich Resources Plc acquiring 29.99% of its issued share capital.</p>
<p>FIRESTONE DIAMONDS</p>	<p>Advised Firestone Diamonds Plc, an international diamond mining and exploration company with assets in Botswana, on its acquisition of AIM company Kopane Diamond Developments Plc with assets in Lesotho for £52.7 million which constituted a reverse takeover for the company. Further advised the company on several secondary placings raising an aggregate of £48.15 million.</p>
 <p>GPN GLADSTONE PACIFIC NICKEL LTD</p>	<p>Advised Australian mining development company Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited on its admission to trading on AIM and placing, raising £11 million and subsequent fundraisings.</p>
  	<p>Advised Origo Sino-India Plc and Origo Resource Partners Plc (which subsequently merged to form Origo Partners Plc) on their acquisition of a 21% equity stake in Gobi Coal & Energy Limited, a company developing coking coal assets in Mongolia, for an aggregate amount of US\$15 million.</p>
	<p>Advised closed-ended investment company Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited on its admission to AIM and associated placing raising £3.5 million. Subsequently advised on its secondary listing on the CISX, a placing raising £7.6 million, its de-listing from AIM (and admission to trading only on the London Stock Exchange (SETSqx)) and most recently on its further placing raising £18.6 million in conjunction with a bonus issue of subscription shares.</p>
	<p>Acted on HPD Exploration Plc's introduction to OFEX and on its placing and open offer and admission to AIM. Acted on its offer for the sale of shares in Landore Resources Inc. and on its acquisition of outstanding interests in Minera Puerto Madryn S.A. for £13 million.</p>
 	<p>Advised Liberum Capital Limited, the nominated adviser and broker, and Mirabaud Securities LLP, the joint broker, to Liberian gold exploration and mining company Hummingbird Resources Plc's on Hummingbird's admission to AIM and simultaneous fundraising of £25 million giving it a market capitalisation of approximately £89.1 million.</p>
 <p>JIANGXI COPPER CORPORATION</p>	<p>Advised Jiangxi Copper Co Limited, China's largest producer of copper, on its offer for sale and placing of H Shares on the Hong Kong and London Exchanges raising HK\$880 million (approximately £65 million).</p>
<p>KALAHARI DIAMONDS LIMITED</p> <p>BROWN SHIPLEY Private Banking</p>	<p>Acted for Brown Shipley on its £20 million placing for Kalahari Diamonds Limited.</p>
	<p>Advised exploration company Kalahari Minerals Plc with assets in Namibia on its placing and admission to trading on AIM and on all subsequent corporate activity as its market capitalisation has grown from £14 million to £550 million including, the disposal of its uranium assets to Extract Resources Limited in consideration for a 42% shareholding, the disposal of its copper and other base metal assets to North River Resources Limited in consideration for a 40% interest, numerous secondary fundraisings, the issue of convertible notes, its £26 million acquisition of Coronet Resources Limited and on Takeover Code advice in relation to specific issues.</p>
	<p>Advised Indian power project developer KSK Power Ventur Plc on its admission to trading on AIM and related placing. Further advised the company on secondary fundraisings in excess of £95 million and on its move from AIM to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.</p>

Our experience

 <p>KINCORA GROUP LIMITED</p>	<p>Advised Origo Partners Plc on its initial acquisition of a 25% equity stake in Kincora Group Limited, owner of the Bronze Fox copper-gold prospect in Mongolia for US\$3 million. We subsequently advised Origo Partners Plc on its US\$12 million equity investment taking its shareholding in Kincora Group Limited to 75%. Subsequently assisted with the acquisition of Kincora Group Limited by Kincora Copper Limited (formerly Brazilian Diamonds Limited) and the re-admission of Kincora Copper Limited to the TSX Venture Exchange in Canada.</p>
	<p>Providing general commercial advice to Kincora Copper Limited, a company listed on the Canadian TSX Venture Exchange with copper and gold exploration assets in Mongolia</p>
	<p>Advised Landore Resources Limited, a company involved in mineral exploration and development in Eastern Canada and the US, on its restructuring and transfer from the TSX Venture Exchange in Canada to AIM and simultaneous placing and a subsequent further secondary fundraising. Further advised on the demerger of Landore's Lamaune iron ore assets and the associated restructuring.</p>
 	<p>Advised Origo Partners Plc on a US\$10 million equity investment in Moly World Limited, owner of an advanced stage molybdenum exploration project in Mongolia, for 20% of the share capital.</p>
	<p>Advised Monterrico Metals Plc, a resource development company which owns the Rio Blanco Copper Project in Peru, on the grant of two conditional warrants in respect of up to 20% of the entire issued share capital of the company to Agropecuaria Las Huaringas S.A. and on its de-listing from AIM.</p>
  <p>Smith & Williamson Corporate Finance</p>	<p>Advised Smith & Williamson Corporate Finance Limited and Liberum Capital Limited, the nominated adviser and broker respectively to investment company Origo Resource Partners Limited, on the company's flotation on AIM and associated placing which raised £49 million. Subsequently advised the company on a secondary fundraising which raised £37 million. Acted for the company on its merger with AIM listed Origo Sino-India Plc to form Origo Partners Plc.</p>
 <p>AMBRIAN</p>	<p>Advised Ambrion Partners Limited, the nominated adviser and broker to mining, exploration and development company Pan African Resources Plc (dual listed on the AIM and AltX Johannesburg Stock Exchange), on the company's reverse takeover of Barbeton Mines (Pty) Limited for a total consideration of £36 million.</p>
 <p>Patagonia Gold Plc</p>	<p>Advised Argentinean exploration company Patagonia Gold Plc on its admission to trading on AIM and open offer. Subsequently advised on numerous secondary fundraisings, the acquisition of Minera Puerto Madryn and the disposal of HPD New Zealand Limited. Advised on the acquisition of a portfolio of mining properties from Barrick Gold and subsequent conversion of back-in rights to a net smelter royalty. Advised on the joint venture agreement with Formicruz for the development of the company's Santa Cruz projects.</p>
	<p>Advised Scottish Coal (part of the Scottish Resources Group, the largest producer of surface mined coal in the UK with the largest fleet of surface mining equipment in Europe), a company created to acquire from HM Government the Scottish coal interests upon the privatisation of the UK coal industry, on the acquisition terms from HM Government of all coal mining operations in Scotland which included a combination of deep mines and open-cast mines and the existing contracts to supply electricity generators, on the senior debt and equity funding of the company and on the share ownership arrangements for the mineworkers. Further retained to provide ongoing specialist advice to the company.</p>

Our experience

 	<p>Advised Shore Capital Corporate Limited, the nominated adviser and broker to Sovereign Mines of Africa Plc, a mineral exploration company with interests primarily in the Republic of Guinea, in respect of its admission to AIM and related placing.</p>
  	<p>Advised RBC Capital Markets, the nominated adviser, on a reverse takeover by Western African Diamonds Plc of Stellar Diamonds Limited, a diamond exploration, production and development company with a portfolio of projects in Guinea and Sierra Leone and its AIM re-admission. Also advised RBC and Astaire Securities on the related fundraising of £5 million.</p>
 	<p>Advised Origo Partners Plc on the establishment of a 50:50 joint venture with Trafigura B.V. for the purposes of investing in coal and iron ore opportunities in Mongolia.</p>
	<p>Acted for Van Dieman Mines Plc on its pre-flotation restructuring of an Australian operating company, subsequent admission to trading on AIM and simultaneous placing and on its secondary placings, which raised a total of £8.5 million.</p>
	<p>Acted for Wogen Plc whose activities are focused on speciality metals and minerals on its admission to AIM and associated placing, giving it an initial market capitalisation of £54.8 million.</p>
  	<p>Advised Yorkville Advisors UK LLP in relation to innovative financing transactions with five AIM-quoted mining and resource companies (including Red Rock Resources and Regency Mines) involving Standby Equity Distribution Agreements (SEDAs) and SEDA Backed Loan Agreements.</p>
	<p>Advised Xiamen Zijin Tongguan Investment Development Co Limited, a consortium of three leading Chinese companies, on its recommended cash takeover offer of Monterrico Metals Plc, a resource development company involved in the Rio Blanco copper molybdenum project in northern Peru, which valued Monterrico at £95 million.</p>
<p>CONFIDENTIAL FRAUD AND ASSET RECOVERY</p>	<p>Defending an AIM listed mining company which operated copper, gold and uranium mines against breach of duty claims by a minority shareholder in an ad hoc LCIA arbitration in London and in ancillary English High Court and Bahamian Supreme Court proceedings.</p>
<p>CONFIDENTIAL BANKING LITIGATION</p>	<p>Acting for a US natural resources group in relation to US\$130 million breach of duty and conspiracy claims brought by a Kazakh based partnership in arbitration proceedings in England and advising on satellite litigation in the USA, Australia, BVI, Bahamas and Switzerland.</p>
<p>CONFIDENTIAL NATURAL RESOURCES</p>	<p>Global counsel for a precious metals group in relation to a US\$500 million commodities trading claim brought in England by a major European bank relating to trading activities in Dubai and Turkey.</p>
<p>CONFIDENTIAL INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE DISPUTES</p>	<p>Acting for major European aluminium producer in respect of claims under damage and business interruption insurance arising from explosions in mining operations.</p>