

Arnold Bloch Leibler acts for Nufarm in institutional placement and acquisitions

Arnold Bloch Leibler has acted for agricultural chemicals company, Nufarm Limited, in an oversubscribed \$200 million institutional placement.

The placement will fund the acquisition of British crop protection and industrial chemicals manufacturer, AH Marks Holdings, and the proposed acquisition of US-based crop protection business, Etigra.

Combined, the two acquisitions are worth approximately \$236 million.

The offer closed oversubscribed at a final price of \$15.10 per share after support from existing institutional shareholders and new investors.

In addition, the Managing Director of Nufarm, Mr Doug Rathbone, sold four million Nufarm shares into the bookbuild, but remains the company's largest shareholder.

The deal was led by the head of Arnold Bloch Leibler's commercial and corporate practice, Jonathan Wenig.

"The deal was a testament to the quality of Nufarm's assets, business model and people, successfully raising significant equity in a turbulent market."

Nufarm is a longstanding client of Arnold Bloch Leibler, with the firm acting in a range of matters on its behalf, including an award-winning \$251 million deal to issue a type of hybrid securities in Australia and New Zealand - the first of its kind across those particular jurisdictional lines. Arnold Bloch Leibler also acted in Nufarm's corporate migration from New Zealand to Australia, which was the first such migration of a publicly listed company.

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Arnold Bloch Leibler is particularly known for its expertise in commercial law, litigation and dispute resolution, taxation and property. The firm also has an expanding presence in trade practices law. In these areas, the firm has been involved in many landmark matters and transactions.

