

## Expert Determination

Expert Determination is an Alternative Dispute Resolution process whereby an independent expert is appointed to resolve a dispute – typically a contractual or technical issue or a disagreement over share valuation.

Harwood Hutton director Adam Stronach, supported by Emma Tredgett and Amandeep Dhillon, has been involved in numerous successful expert determination assignments. Adam has all the qualities and qualifications to perform the role and arrive at a decision to allow the parties to move forward with certainty and without the need to go to court.

We can provide expert determinations that are reasoned or unreasoned. An unreasoned determination simply provides the answer to the matter put to the expert, whereas the reasoned determination explains the expert's reasoning in reaching the decision. The latter is the more costly option.

### WHEN DO WE GET INVOLVED?

- ◆ When parties wish to reach a confidential resolution
- ◆ When the disputed items are primarily issues of valuation
- ◆ When parties wish to avoid the often lengthy process of litigation
- ◆ When parties want a legally binding decision.

We work with clients and their legal advisers as required to ensure the work delivered is fit for purpose and provides the end client with value for money.

### REASONS TO CHOOSE HARWOOD HUTTON

- ◆ Our team leader is an Academy of Experts member
- ◆ We have lots of experience in preparing court reports and providing oral evidence in court
- ◆ We provide clear, concise reports and summary documents
- ◆ We offer a flexible and cost-effective service.

### OUR SECTOR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Holiday / caravan parks
- ◆ Restaurants and pubs
- ◆ Fast food franchises
- ◆ Specialist food business
- ◆ Care homes
- ◆ Sportswear
- ◆ Retail
- ◆ Oil and gas industry

### DELIVERING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

- ◆ Expert determination assignment in the oil and gas industry (more than 100 items in dispute, worth US\$130m) arising from the transfer of upstream, midstream and downstream companies from one European MNC to another.
- ◆ Reasoned expert determination of the valuation of share capital in two companies encompassing a caravan park and holiday home business (valuation of £2.1m for the equity in one company and £1.8m for the equity in the other) pursuant to a court order in a family shareholder dispute.
- ◆ Engaged under the Arbitration Act 1996 to rule on amounts to be included in the disputed accounts of a motor vehicle servicing and repair business
- ◆ Unreasoned expert determination which valued a minority shareholding in an insurance company to be in the region of £200,000.
- ◆ Expert determination on a set of completion accounts disputed by two large UK retailers (more than 40 disputed items totalling £85m).

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## Our Team



### ADAM STRONACH

is a forensic accountant, registered auditor, Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a member of the Academy of Experts and Expert Witness Institute. He has been involved in forensic accounting, expert witness and litigation support work for more than 20 years, receiving instructions from solicitors on a wide range of matters.

Adam has given oral evidence in the High Court and in the family courts and has acted for claimants, defendants and as a single joint expert, preparing reports for court, meeting experts to prepare joint statements and assisting counsel where appropriate.



### EMMA TREDGETT

is an experienced Chartered Accountant who previously worked as a Senior Manager in the Deloitte Forensic & Dispute Services group.

Emma has worked on expert witness and litigation support assignments, company valuations, financial investigations and sale and purchase disputes.



### AMANDEEP DHILLON

is a specialist in preparing forensic reports and has experience across a variety of business sectors.

Previously with Mazars, Amandeep has assisted in matrimonial cases where assets were across continents, and has supported the Expert in company valuation work and shareholder disputes. She also has experience dealing with HMRC on technical issues.

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