

Latham & Watkins Represents KKR in Sale of Capital Safety to 3M

3M has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Capital Safety from KKR for a total enterprise value of \$2.5 billion, including the assumption of approximately \$0.7 billion of debt, net of cash acquired.

Capital Safety is a leading global provider of fall protection equipment, one of the fastest-growing safety categories within the global personal protective equipment industry.

The personal protective equipment industry is a strategic priority for 3M, the company said in a release. Demand for personal protective equipment is rapidly growing, driven by increasing regulatory focus on worker safety across both developed and developing countries.

Capital Safety's industry-leading products and solutions include harnesses, lanyards, self-retracting lifelines and engineered systems sold under well-known global brands DBI-SALA and PROTECTA. The company has demonstrated strong and consistent growth with sales increasing at a compound annual growth rate of 10 percent over the past four years. The company's sales, adjusted to include recent acquisitions on a full-year basis, were approximately \$430 million for its fiscal year ended March 31, 2015.

Latham & Watkins represents KKR in its sale of Capital Safety to 3M with a corporate deal team led from the firm's New York office by partner **Jennifer Perkins**, with New York associate **Samuel Powers** and Chicago associate **Jonathan Solomon**; on tax matters by New York partner **David Raab**, with associate **Matthew Dewitz**; on benefits matters by Washington D.C. partner **Adam Kestenbaum**, with Washington D.C. associate **Marysia Mullen** and

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