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BCLP RECOGNIZED WITH TWO WINS AT THE 16TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL M&A AWARDS

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BCLP has been honored with two Deal of the Year accolades by *The M&A Advisor's* 16th Annual International M&A Awards committee. The Awards spotlight dealmakers who think bigger, move faster and break boundaries in an era where geopolitics and tech disruption shape every opportunity – recognizing visionaries who turn global complexity into breakthrough value.

The firm was recognized in the Industrials Deal of the Year (Over \$100MM) category for its work advising Priority 1 X LLC and its affiliates (collectively, “Priority 1”)—comprised of U.S., U.K., Irish, and Norwegian entities—on a cross-border multidisciplinary bond offering totaling USD 230 million. The transaction included a restructuring of Priority 1’s credit facility as well as debt obligations. BCLP advised Priority 1 in a cross-border transaction in which Priority 1 issued USD 230 million in Norwegian bonds. The bond offering was critical to both Priority 1’s short-term and long-term business objectives, facilitating the acquisition by Priority 1 of the majority stake in a U.K.-based global air cargo business, the acquisition of freight forwarding operations in Norway, the acquisition of commercial aircraft, and the establishment of an aircraft leasing business. Priority 1 is the owner and operator of a global air cargo business located in Bournemouth, England and an aircraft maintenance and aerial surveillance business located in the United States. This winning deal was led by Jeff Haidet and Joe Babitz and marks the second year in a row that Jeff has been awarded M&A Deal of the Year.

BCLP was also recognized in the Private Equity Deal of the Year (\$250MM to \$500MM) category for its representation of Albion, a US-based private direct investment firm focused on acquiring companies that produce highly technical defense products and services. The firm advised on the purchase by Albion Platform Holdings LLC (an affiliate of Albion) of Arotech Corporation and its subsidiaries from Greenbriar Equity Group, L.P. The acquisition was a strategic fit. Arotech is a recognized leader in high-fidelity training and simulation, portable power systems, and advanced electronics manufacturing, serving global defense and security customers. This winning deal was led by Brandon Gershowitz and Jonathan Neshier.

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