

DUE DILIGENCE

This is the investigation of a business or individual, whether in the UK or based offshore, in order to determine if they are what they claim to be and establish if they have any 'skeletons in the cupboard'. This type of enquiry is particularly relevant prior to any mergers or acquisitions.

Subject to the client's specific requirements, we tend to concentrate on the following main areas:

- The reputation and the record of the business and the key management
- Records of civil and criminal litigation involving the business
- The financial standing of the company
- The operation of the business and its present activities
- Ensure that the business meets all its obligations under all relevant regulations.

We are able to provide clients with both current and historic information on the status of any business and its management team. This information is obtained from a variety of sources including:

- Companies House Records and other on-line databases
- Land Registry and other property records
- Credit Records
- Court Records
- Media Searches including Internet trawling
- Approaches to the businesses and local enquiries.