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**Gates and Partners Expands Aviation Team**

London – Gates and Partners, the specialist aerospace and commercial law firm, is enhancing its international market coverage with another strategic hire, following closely their addition of three aviation lawyers in November 2005.

Will Phua has joined Gates and Partners after leaving Beaumont & Son - Aviation at Clyde and Co. Will has worked for numerous high-profile Asian carriers over the last six years. He brings additional Chinese language skills and major airline loss experience to assist the firm to further develop its Asian portfolio. Together, the firm's lawyers, Sean Gates, Dan Soffin, Paul Freeman, Ping Cairns and Will provide extensive experience in representing Asian carriers.

Senior Partner Sean Gates commented, "We are delighted to welcome Will to our steadily expanding aviation team. We feel that his solid Asian aviation expertise will increase our effectiveness in the market".

The firm's aerospace team of twelve lawyers is exclusively dedicated to advising airlines and their insurers, thereby avoiding the conflicts inherent in representing various aviation interests such as manufacturers, airports and other aviation service providers.

Will joins new legal hires Aileen Camacho, a Latin American aviation specialist, Ping Cairns, a qualified English and Chinese lawyer and George Leloudas, a Greek lawyer who advises on airline liability and regulatory issues.

Gates and Partners also advises on commercial and regulatory issues relating to airlines including employment matters, start-up operations and code shares.

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