
Hale and Dorr Advises BMG on Joint Venture with Simon Cowell

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Hale and Dorr recently advised BMG U.K. and Ireland Limited, the 'major' record, music publishing and music distribution company, on its acquisition of Simon Cowell's 50% stake in Ronagold Limited, their joint venture record company, best known for records by *Pop Idol* stars Will Young and Gareth Gates. BMG and Simon Cowell have also established a new joint venture company, SimCow Limited, which will develop new music and television projects.

Jonathan Loake, Oxford-based corporate partner who also advised BMG on the setting up of Ronagold in 2000, led the Hale and Dorr team which advised BMG on the corporate aspects of the two deals. He was assisted by Intellectual Property Partner Mark Haftke, Tax Partner Simon Court and Corporate Associate Susan Coughlan.

Simon Cowell was advised by Russells Partners; Tony Russell, Mark Sinott, Alan Lander and Tony English.