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Alden assists several clients by providing a full suite of specialist licensing and regulatory advisory services. What makes Alden unique is that we:

- understand your business and your objectives;
- are able to provide prompt, responsive advice from a team of experts who have extensive knowledge and experience of working in the sector with national and international regulators on all aspects of licensing; and
- offer the wider commercial and financial advice required for successful licence applications.

- drafting and negotiating appropriate financial security trust documents;
- liaising and negotiating with the regulator on third-party liability insurance;
- amending, novating and transferring licences;
- dealing with the relocation of satellites; and
- negotiating a repeat application process.



We have market leading experience and are heavily engaged with the complex aspects related to spaceport, range and mission re-entry licensing.

Our advice also covers terrestrial spectrum licences, satellite spectrum filings and Earth station licences within the UK, Europe and internationally.

We have unrivalled capability for constellation and in-orbit service licensing.

These services, and some examples, include the following.



Licensing – assisting and advising on all necessary launch and operations licence applications with the relevant regulatory bodies (including the UK Space Agency) for planned space activities being conducted from within the UK, or for UK registered companies conducting spaceflight activities outside the UK.

We have significant experience in advising on case-specific licensing issues such as:

- structuring and negotiating parent company guarantees;



Regulatory – ensuring ongoing regulatory and licensing compliance in the UK, Europe and globally across, for example, market access, EO, in-flight connectivity licences and maritime licences.



Commercial Contracts – drafting, amending, reviewing and negotiating all forms of commercial contracts, especially for meeting licensing requirements. This includes satellite procurement, launch services, EO data distribution and operations contracts.



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Policy advice – providing industry-focused policy advice, including advice related to national, EU and international licensing and regulatory policies, insurance requirements and national security issues.



Finance – reviewing commercial contracts to make them “bankable” and assisting with finance structuring and transactions to meet licence conditions.



Corporate governance – advising on board and corporate governance issues and the implications of any changes to corporate management, control or ownership in relation to licences, spectrum filings and regulatory requirements.



Corporate structuring – providing strategic advice on corporate structures regarding operational control for holding necessary launch and operations licences and for obtaining access to spectrum.



Security and data management – providing practical advice and guidance on national security issues, lawful interception, data management and data protection as well as advice on the use of new technologies (e.g. cyber security, lawful monitoring, data analysis and surveillance).



Consultancy and strategic advice – providing strategic advice in relation to licensing and spectrum requirements and expertise in navigating clients through Government entities and international institutions.

We can be on call when you need us for as long as you need us. We can work with you on strategic one-off issues or for longer.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us to discuss any queries. Thank you.



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