

London Managing Partner Christine Braamskamp Quoted in *Law360* on SFO's Enforcement of DPA Against Guralp Systems

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London Managing Partner [Christine Braamskamp](#) shared her insights with Law360 on the Serious Fraud Office's decision to pursue enforcement proceedings against Guralp Systems Ltd. This marks the first time the SFO has accused a company of breaching the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA).

Christine noted that SFO Director Nick Ephgrave is signalling to the market "*that the terms of a DPA are non-negotiable and that [the SFO] will take a zero-tolerance approach to any non-compliance.*" She emphasised that the decision to push ahead with enforcement proceedings makes it clear the agency "*wants to take a stand.*"

The case follows Guralp's failure to pay £2.1 million under its 2019 DPA, which resolved allegations of corrupt payments to a South Korean official. The enforcement action will unfold at Southwark Crown Court and is being closely watched for its potential implications for the UK's corporate settlement regime.

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