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Pagabo take procurement seriously, all our Framework Agreements have been through a European Compliant process. To further strengthen our procurement position of our Framework Agreements, we have obtained a legal statement from a leading expert within the legal procurement profession.

Quote from Gordons LLP:

“In our opinion we believe that the procurement structure and the legal documentation to support the Pagabo framework agreements are consistent with the relevant legislative requirements contained within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and are thus “EU compliant”. The procurement structure is an innovative and robust application of principles contained within the Regulations which permit the creation of Framework Agreements and allow multiple client organisations to benefit from a centralised purchasing approach. Provided that the procedures and timescales are adhered to in respect of each Framework Agreement then we anticipate that public sector bodies and private sector suppliers alike will benefit from this refreshing approach, which should drive efficiency and savings across the public sector.”

Richard Piper
Gordons LLP
Partner - Head of Construction

Gordons LLP is a top-100 UK law firm based in Leeds and has an international reach to the Middle East, Far East and North America. Established in 1884, Gordons has gone from strength to strength through partnerships, mergers, and acquisitions.

Richard Piper advises in respect of all aspects of construction and engineering procurement (public procurement, tendering, drafting and negotiating contracts, and providing strategic advice on commercial and legal risk). Richard is considered as “*one of the best construction lawyers in the regional market*” (Chambers, 2014). He has significant experience in commercial property development and construction, specialist civil engineering contracts, hotel and leisure facility procurement, renewable energy projects, litigation, arbitration and mediation. He has also advised on a number of PFI projects, advising local authorities and private sector companies alike on public procurement issues. Richard is Secretary of the North East Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has also for a number of years served as a Visiting Lecturer at Leeds Metropolitan University in the Construction Law MSc Degree course. Richard spent 14 years previously at Eversheds before joining Gordons, where he was a Partner.