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EMPLOYERS' LICENSING SYSTEM OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

Further to our February Briefing Note, the Border & Immigration Agency has now commenced accepting applications for employers' licences which will in turn allow the issue of sponsorship certificates under the new Tier 2 Skilled Worker category coming in autumn 2008.

All employers who wish to employ foreign non-EEA nationals in the future, including those on existing Work Permits, other than individuals who will hold Tier 1 permits, or already hold permanent residence or status such as spouse/partner, will need to obtain a licence from the Border & Immigration Agency to employ such foreign nationals in the future.

The application process for a licence is complicated, and involves ultimately an on-line application followed by presentation of the appropriate documentation.

Gross & Co. will be pleased to advise and assist clients in relation to their applications for licences, and to represent employers in dealing with the Border & Immigration Agency in relation to the issue of sponsorship certificates.

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