

Simon Whitehead, Managing Director, **Hill & Knowlton**

Current Position

Simon manages H+K's energy and industrials business in London working across oil and gas, traditional and new energy, mining, transport, infrastructure and logistics. He is a specialist in corporate communications, financial PR, public affairs and litigation communications and works for a range of clients including Statoil, RenewableUK, Rosneft, DHL Supply Chain and Lockheed Martin.

Prior History

Before joining H+K, Simon was a partner at College Hill where he led the energy and natural resources team and co-led the emerging markets business across Russia/CIS, Africa and India. He managed the financial PR for many oil and gas companies including: Jubilant Energy, Aurelian Oil and Gas, Serica Energy, Wentworth Resources, 3LegsResources, Dana Petroleum, PSN Limited and DEO Petroleum. He also handled many corporate and public affairs issues for the likes of Gamesa (wind energy), the Royal Bafokeng Nation (mining) and 3 Legs Resources (shale gas). Prior to that he spent 5 years in London as European director of emerging markets for APCO Worldwide, the global public affairs agency. There he worked on many international and domestic public affairs briefs including for Yukos Oil, the Alfa Group, Raytheon, Mantas and President Yushchenko of Ukraine. In his early career, he worked for 7 years in international banking and leveraged buyouts at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, including 2 years running their office in Moscow. He also spent 2 years working in campaigning at Conservative Central Office around the time of the 1997 UK General Election.