

Our clients make key decisions about issues such as financial transactions, pre-client/customer acceptance, boardroom appointments, know your client (KYC) regulations and fraud investigations. Operating in unfamiliar territories with individuals and companies can unwittingly expose our clients to a variety of risks such as political risk, fraud, theft, security breaches and terrorist networks.



Corporate Intelligence seeks to assist our clients in making informed decisions by identifying any hidden factors or red flags that may impact negatively on their businesses. We also highlight issues of concern that may cause potential reputational or financial damage to a entity, its directors/ members and its shareholders. In high risk or unfamiliar areas we seek to help our clients to identify political or regulatory factors in local markets. Our team assimilates and analyse publicly available information to provide accurate and reliable intelligence. We have vast experience and knowledge in obtaining public and non-public information and enable our clients to understand what, or who, they are dealing with — no matter at what stage of the transaction cycle.

Globally Corporate Intelligence has an established network of over 700 external contacts, covering over 100 countries, with extensive knowledge of the industries, sectors and countries in which they operate.

Our Products



Potential benefits to clients:

Mitigate the risks associated with doing business with people and entities with whom they may have little or no familiarity

Gain advantage with respect to bargaining position By providing key pieces of strategic information to professional clients, such as forensic investigators, accounts and lawyers.

Reports can be tailored to client specifications.

Our team and footprint enables us to understand the local business and political environment and can provide an in-depth insight into the business environment, culture and operation. By creating clarity, Corporate Intelligence adds value to our clients by providing an assessment of their potential risks thereby allowing our clients to manage and assess their decisions with the full knowledge of the available information.

Supplier and Vendor vetting

Using public sources, we can verify and identify initial concerns relating to suppliers through sources such as corporate records, insolvency registers, media and press, court judgments and litigation filings. Our non-public sources can also provide additional information on the reputation and modus operandi of a supplier which may not have been reported upon through public sources. Being able to assess any potential risks before any commercial relationship takes place can help to protect the client's reputation and safeguard against potential financial losses.

Integrity Due diligence

In order for us to have access to confidential information about individuals and entities, we will require a signed authority in the form of a Personal Release Authorisation from the data subject.



Corporate Intelligence seeks to inform clients as to the risks, reputations and integrity of both prospective and current business partners and employees by supplying them with timely and accurate intelligence"

01 Criminal checks

This search allows for a criminal clearance check on an individual. Fingerprints are required from the individual as it is possible that as a result of identity theft, a person may incorrectly match positive to a criminal check. This is confirmed or negated by the actual fingerprints of the individual.

02Qualification checks

This search allows for the verification of national and international qualifications. The individual has to sign a consent form and supply copies of the relevant qualifications.

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Integrity Due diligence: Individual

This search will provide details such as identity number, marital status, employment history, contact numbers, addresses, credit history as well as defaults and judgements. The search also includes a list of all entities the individual is a member or a director of. A full property and/or vehicle search can also be conducted on the individual. It would also focus on any political exposure, sanctions and negative media.

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Integrity Due diligence: Entity

This search will provide detail such as the entity registration number, incorporation date, auditors, contact numbers, addresses and directors or members. In addition, a search will be conducted on the members or directors to establish any other business interests, sanctions, political exposure and negative media. A full property search can also be conducted on the entity, including credit history, defaults and judgements against the entity.

Enhanced executive screening

Corporate Intelligence can assist clients in determining the veracity of the information provided on a CV. Using our public and non-public information sources, we can establish the track record of the individual and obtain intelligence on the reputation of the candidate. Potential issues such as sanctions, political exposure, insolvency, litigation, credit, court judgments and commercial failures can be identified by our research before any large investment is made.

Recommendations to the suitability in relation to our findings, whether or not the applicant is deficient in business, ability, experience or probity, and whether or not they are in sound financial position.

Conclusions whether or not the applicants are disqualified in terms of any applicable legislation or are otherwise unsuitable for appointment, and whether or not the personal information supplied by the applicants could be verified.

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