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Carnegie strengthens its investment banking team in Norway through the acquisition of NRP Securities

Carnegie has signed an agreement whereby Carnegie will acquire NRP Securities, a part of the Norwegian Group Ness, Risan & Partners. The transaction further strengthens Carnegie's commitment to two important sectors - Drilling and Seismic. Through the transaction, Carnegie recruits three new team members to the investment banking team; Ingar Nissen-Meyer, Christian Huseby and Markus F. Leanderson.

"Carnegie welcomes a team that we know as creative, highly competent and with high integrity. Carnegie is presently growing our corporate finance team through several recruitments to meet increasing business volumes across sectors and products, and the NRP Securities team fits well in this growth strategy", says Christian Begby, CEO of Carnegie AS.

The recruitment is structured as an acquisition to ensure that the team can continue to work on their existing mandates and continuously serve clients through the transition period. Moreover, the transaction structure ensures a continued good relationship with Ness, Risan & Partners Group.

Please see below for a background of the three new team members:

- Christian Huseby has been working in the oil services and exploration & production industry for more than 20 years. Before joining NRP Securities ASA as a senior partner, Christian was leading the oil services and E&P team at Procorp ASA (2002-2008). Before that, Christian was the CEO of OceanRig ASA (1996-2002).
- Ingar Nissen-Meyer has more than 12 years of M&A and corporate finance experience. Ingar has been working with NRP Securities since the start-up in 2006. Prior to establishing NRP Securities, Ingar worked at Goldman Sachs' Investment Banking Division (2001-2006).
- Markus F. Leandersson has been employed by Ness, Risan & Partners since 2010. He holds a Master of Business and Administration from East Carolina University.

The transaction is subject to Norwegian FSA approval.

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