



PRESS RELEASE

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Earth Capital appoints Edward Collins as Chief Executive Officer

Earth Capital Partners ('EC'), the global sustainable private equity group, has appointed Edward Collins as Chief Executive Officer with immediate effect.

Edward is a former Managing Director of Hanson Asset Management, an independent investment management and advisory firm, and CIO of Hanson Family Holdings. Most recently, he was the CIO of Aldbourne Investment Management and led the restructuring of the Oracle Capital Group from which Aldbourne Investment Management emerged. He has more than 16 years' experience of running asset management companies and of multi-asset investing.

EC is a global fund management group focused exclusively on sustainable private equity and manages the Nobel Sustainability Fund®. The company was established in 2008 before it merged with SET3 in 2015 to become part of the Earth Capital Group (ECG). ECG is controlled by Stephen Lansdown (founder of Hargreaves Lansdown) and Gordon Power (Founder of ProVen Private Equity) and its constituent firms manage in excess of \$1.2 billion.

Gordon Power, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer, says:

"We're delighted to welcome Edward at such an exciting time for the group as we continue to build on the launch of the Nobel Sustainability Fund®. We are continuing to fund raise and have already deployed investments into some transformative innovations around the world that are focused on sustainability. Edward's experience, knowledge and approach will be an invaluable asset to our team."

Edward Collins, CEO of EC added: "I am excited to have joined the EC team at what is an important time in its development. The group has ambitious plans, evidenced by its launch of the Nobel Sustainability Fund®. Sustainability as an investment theme is only going to increase in significance and our global group of specialist investment managers allows us to identify and support sustainable and innovative technology around the world."

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Notes to Editors

ECG Ltd is a holding company for a Global Network of Sustainable Private Equity Managers managing over \$1.2bn of assets. ECG was formed from the merger of Earth Capital Partners and SET3, the global group jointly owned by Gordon Power and Stephen Lansdown to provide capital for and mentoring to, fund managers and businesses whose primary focus is renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable technology. ECG through its subsidiary companies has investment teams in the UK, Botswana, Brazil, China, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Ireland, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Philippines, USA and Singapore.

Earth Capital Partners (EC) manages the Nobel Sustainability Fund® (NSF). NSF invests globally in growth companies which address the challenges of Sustainable Development (SD), such as climate change, water scarcity, food and energy security. The Fund invests in the commercialisation and deployment of proven, sustainable technologies, in various end-markets in resource and energy efficiency, agriculture, water, clean industry, energy generation and waste. Sustainability is measured through the Earth Dividend™, which provides an annual measure of the contribution to SD. The Earth Dividend™ has been developed by EC's in-house SD specialists following a detailed benchmark of international best practice approaches to the assessment, reporting and assurance of ESG issues and performance. The fund's first close was backed by the Constitutional Reserve Fund of Monaco and the family office of Stephen Lansdown.