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Press Release

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking re-organises the Natural Resources and Energy Financing activity to support the new Capital Raising and Financing Division.

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking announces the new structure of its **Natural Resources and Energy Financing Group** within the recently-established issuer-focused Capital Raising and Financing division.

Harnessing specific sectorial expertise in energy project, mining and commodities finance, the group is to be built on four key platforms with dedicated support: Project and Reserve Based Financing for the Energy sector, Mining Finance, Structured Commodity Finance and Trade & Commodity Finance.

With an international network dimensioned to address the worldwide nature of commodity and energy markets, the Natural Resources and Energy Financing Group will be headed by **Denis Childs** and **Pierre Palmieri**, supported by **Federico Turegano** as Deputy.

Robin Baker will head the **Project and Reserve Based Financing for the Energy sector**.

Sadia Ricke will head **Mining Finance** for advisory and structuring plus worldwide coverage of mining companies. She will also head **Structured Commodity Finance**, with a focus on emerging countries.

Dominique Beretti will head **Trade & Commodity Finance** with a focus on non-emerging countries.

Regionally, the Natural Resources and Energy Financing functions will be managed by **Craig Tashjian** and **Federico Turegano** for the Americas; **Dominique Beretti** and **Jackson Cheung** for Asia; and **John Harvey** for Australia. Europe, Middle East, Africa and South America will be managed directly by **Denis Childs** and **Pierre Palmieri**.

"With an enhanced sectorial approach, we will increase our ability to better serve our clients, offering innovative solutions and maintaining our leadership in this sector. We will also focus on the development of new key areas, such as renewable energies" say Denis Childs and Pierre Palmieri.

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Robin Baker

Robin Baker began his career with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group in 1967 initially in refinery technology and thereafter in supplies and trading in the UK and Asia. Robin entered Société Générale in 2000 as head of Oil & Gas Project Finance, after 20 years' Energy Banking with the Chase Manhattan Bank. Robin is a graduate of Imperial College, London and Cranfield School of Management.

Dominique Beretti

Dominique Beretti began his career at Bank Worms in 1981 where he was Head of Commodity Finance. From 1993 to 1999, he was successively Deputy General Manager of the London Branch, General Manager of the Singapore Branch and Global Head of Commodities Activities. Dominique entered Société Générale in 2001 as Global Head of Corporate Commodity Finance. Dominique is a graduate of Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Aix en Provence.

Denis Childs

Denis Childs began his career at the Société Générale group in 1978 when he joined the French Retail Banking network. In 1981 he moved to the corporate and investment bank as part of the Export Finance team where he created new areas of business and became co-head. In 1993 he was appointed Head of the International Branch and in 1996 he created the bank's worldwide commodity and trade finance business line. Denis holds a Doctorate of Law and an MBA in banking management.

Jackson Cheung

Jackson Cheung joined Société Générale in 1986 and has worked in different structured finance areas including syndications, debt capital markets, project finance and advisory. While being Head of Natural Resources and Energy Financing for Asia-ex. Japan, Jackson is also heading the entire Capital Raising and Financing division for the region. Jackson graduated from the University of Hong Kong.

John Harvey

John Harvey began his career in banking in 1985. John entered Société Générale in 1994 as Head of Financial Markets in Sydney and then became the Regional Head of the Debt Finance Division in 2001. While being Head of Natural Resources and Energy Financing for Australia Pacific, John is also heading the Capital Raising and Financing division, the Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities division, and the Corporates Institutions and Advisory division for the region in Société Générale along with Country Head responsibilities. John is a graduate of Sydney University in Economics and Law.

Pierre Palmieri

Pierre Palmieri began his career at Société Générale in 1987, holding a variety of financing positions in the International Division including Export Finance. In 1994, he joined the Commodities Finance team and was appointed Global Head of Structured Commodities Finance in 2001. His responsibilities were broadened in 2003 to include the mining sector and again in 2005 to include trade finance activities. Pierre is a graduate of Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Tours..

Sadia Ricke

Sadia started her career at Société Générale in 1994 within the International Banks Risk Division as a risk analyst. She then joined the Commodities group in 1997 holding a variety of positions before being appointed Head of the Sugar team in 2002 and then Deputy Head of Mining and Structured Commodity Finance in 2003. She was given additional responsibilities in 2005 when SCF was broadened to include Trade Finance activities. Sadia is a graduate of Hautes Etudes Commerciales in Paris.

Craig Tashjian

Craig Tashjian began his career in commodities in 1985. Prior to joining Société Générale, he was the Global Head of Commodity Finance at Standard Chartered Bank, with teams located in New York, London and Singapore. In 1997, he joined Société Générale as Head of Commodities Finance for North and Central America. Craig has an MBA from Rutgers University and a B.S. from Lehigh University.

Federico Turegano

Federico Turegano started his career at Société Générale in Chicago in 1990, after 7 years at Continental Bank (now Bank of America) in Chicago and Miami. Since at Société Générale, he has covered large corporate clients in the US, was deputy head of the Financial Engineering team in Paris, was responsible for nearly ten years for Société Générale's Latin American network and most recently was Deputy Head of the Corporates and Institutions Division for the Americas. In addition to his title as Deputy to the Natural Resources and Energy Financing Group, Federico is responsible for the Energy Group for the Americas. Federico has a B.A. from Boston College and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

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