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Laurent Lavigne du Cadet joins Taylor-DeJongh as Deputy CEO

Taylor-DeJongh is pleased to announce that Laurent Lavigne du Cadet has joined the firm's Washington office as Deputy CEO.

Mr. Lavigne du Cadet is an experienced senior manager with over 20 years in international business, as a company founder, decision maker, investment banker and financial advisor. He has been the CEO of several global investment companies and a Fund Manager and has raised more than \$3 billion of private capital placements during his career.

He is a specialist in mergers and acquisitions, project financing and direct investment, with a focus on oil and gas, power, real estate and infrastructure. He has extensive experience in high level negotiations between western industrial/financial groups and governments and/or public authorities. Mr. Lavigne du Cadet has developed an expertise in business take-overs and corporate restructurings.

Laurent Lavigne du Cadet was most recently the Chief Executive Officer of Amwal, the largest Qatari Investment Bank, owned by the largest institutions of Qatar. Prior to joining Amwal, Mr. Lavigne du Cadet was head of the oil, gas, and energy and investment banking group of Millennium Finance Corporation, a subsidiary of Dubai Islamic Bank, for both equity and debt offerings of energy companies. He was also the Fund Manager of the Millennium Global Energy Fund.

During his 20 years of experience in the energy sector, he has acted as a financial adviser and an M&A banker for some of the largest European and American corporations, such as Total, Technip, Pride International, General Electric and Alstom. He successfully advised RAK Petroleum on its first investment in an Australian oil and gas exploration and production company, as well as its acquisition of Indago Petroleum assets.

Prior to his position with Millennium Finance Corporation, Mr. Lavigne du Cadet was the founder and Managing Partner of Alternative Finance Partners, a merchant bank specializing in oil and gas project development and financing, with a particular emphasis on upstream and midstream projects.

The geographical experience of Mr. Lavigne du Cadet covers Russia, Kazakhstan, Eastern Europe including Romania, the Czech Republic and Poland, the Middle East, North and Sub-Saharan Africa (in particular Nigeria and Algeria) and China. Mr. Lavigne du Cadet began his investment banking career with JP Morgan in Paris, where he specialized in oil and gas listed companies, after having spent two years in Abu Dhabi with the French Embassy.

Mr. Lavigne du Cadet holds a business school diploma from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce, Rouen, France and a Master of Science degree in International Finance from the University of Paris IX Dauphine.

