



GMP Capital Inc.

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GMP CAPITAL INC. ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF ITS GLOBAL ENERGY FRANCHISE

TORONTO, ON. (January 6, 2010) - GMP Capital Inc. ("GMP") (TSX: GMP) today announced the expansion of its global energy advisory practice with the addition of an experienced oil and gas team to its London, England-based subsidiary, GMP Securities Europe LLP ("GMP Europe").

Complementing an already strong team, GMP Europe added Nick Morgan and Chris Beltgens to its investment banking team, and Peter Nicol and Toby Pierce to its research team, all of whom bring extensive industry experience, knowledge and expertise. Also joining GMP Europe are Jessica Lindskog, Robin Black and Jamal Orazbayeva, all with prior oil and gas advisory experience.

"We are pleased to be adding the experience and relationships of this oil and gas team to the existing mining advisory business in our London office, which enhances the natural resources focus of GMP Europe and further increases the global reach of GMP's leading energy advisory franchise," said Kevin Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of GMP.

ABOUT GMP CAPITAL INC.

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