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Knight Vinke Asset Management announces three senior management appointments and further strengthens its research team

New York, 14 September 2009. Knight Vinke is pleased to announce the appointment of three senior members to its management team and the further strengthening of its investment team.

James Knowles joins as a Managing Director and will be jointly responsible for managing Knight Vinke's relationships with investors primarily in Europe and the Middle East. He joins the firm having worked for more than 20 years in investment banking, equity syndication and institutional sales at Kleinwort Benson and Morgan Stanley, and most recently with Chilton.

David Trenchard joins as a Managing Director and will be jointly responsible for international client relations. Prior to joining the firm, David was a Senior Consultant at Tulchan Communications, where he advised Knight Vinke, and spent the previous 16 years at Morgan Stanley where he held a variety of senior posts in investment banking, corporate broking and institutional sales around the world.

Chris Ashworth joins as General Counsel, with 25 years of experience as a top Corporate Finance and M&A lawyer in the City of London. He was a partner at Ashurst for most of that time, being Head of Corporate, Head of M&A, and Head of Telecoms. He has also been Head of European M&A at O'Melveny & Myers and Head of Corporate Finance at Lovells.

Jeremy Ozen joins the firm as a member of the Investment Team, supporting the principals on all projects with research and analysis of current and potential investments. He was previously an analyst at Goldman Sachs working for its Special Situations Group in London. Jeremy graduated in 2007 with a dual degree from the Wharton School and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania as part of the Jerome Fisher program.

Eric Knight, Founder and Chief Executive of Knight Vinke said: "I am absolutely delighted that four individuals of this seniority and calibre have all chosen to join Knight Vinke. David Trenchard and James Knowles both bring a tremendous amount of senior level experience in capital markets and investor relations, together with client management and communications skills which will be invaluable to our firm as it grows. Chris Ashworth's corporate finance and legal expertise, gathered

at the highest levels of major law firms, provides us with a substantially enhanced capability in this area. Jeremy Ozen's joining demonstrates our ongoing commitment to investing in the brightest and best young people as we continue to grow our unique research and investment function. This has been a busy summer for Knight Vinke and, with our newly strengthened team, we are all enormously excited about the future".

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