

PRESS RELEASE

Peter Skelton Joins The Chicago Corporation as a Senior Advisor

Chicago, IL (December 19, 2011): The Chicago Corporation, an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm, announced today that Peter Skelton has joined the firm as a Senior Advisor. Mr. Skelton brings to The Chicago Corporation over thirty years of experience in advising middle market companies on financial transactions, including capital raising, project finance, debt restructuring, and mergers, divestments and acquisitions. He speaks five languages and has worked in North America, Africa and the Middle East, as well as in most countries in Europe, on behalf of public and private companies and Government organizations. His industry expertise includes mining, metals, chemicals, engineering, media, support services and information technology.

Currently, Mr. Skelton is senior partner of Europefa Partenaires, a Paris based advisory firm dealing mainly with cross border operations for small to medium sized companies within Europe. Over the past 20 years he has managed well over 100 assignments for Europefa. Prior to participating in the foundation of Europefa Partenaires, Mr. Skelton was a partner in Price Waterhouse's consulting division and a principal of Booz Allen. In between these two periods of consulting, Mr. Skelton was a Director of the French merchant bank BAI where he managed primary Eurobond issues, advised several African countries on their direct investment portfolios, helped the Kuwaiti Resolution Corporation recover assets following the collapse of the Al Manach stock market, and financed agro-business projects in Yemen and Tunisia.

Fred Floberg, Managing Partner of The Chicago Corporation said, "We are very pleased that Peter has joined the team. His cross-border experience will be a tremendous addition to The Chicago Corporation. His relationships and experience will allow us to better serve our clients as we continue to grow our company."

Mr. Skelton graduated in Oriental Studies from St. John's College, Oxford, holds a MBA degree from Insead in Fontainebleau, is a Maître de Conférence on the HEC business school's Entrepreneur programme, is a member of the SFAF, the French security analysts association, and is licensed to advise on financial transactions by the AMF, the French supervisory body for financial markets.

About The Chicago Corporation

The Chicago Corporation is an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm focused on providing middle-market companies with a range of financial and corporate advisory services including merger and acquisitions, institutional debt and equity capital raising, and financial restructuring. The Chicago Corporation leverages the broad experience of its team to evaluate and implement financial strategies designed to maximize the value of a client's business. The firm is committed to a "client-first" approach, which ensures that its professionals work together to find the best market-based solution for the client. For more information about The Chicago Corporation, its investment bankers, and Senior Advisors, please visit www.thechicagocorp.com.

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