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## Paul Hewitt joins Vigeo Eiris London

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**Vigeo Eiris announced the appointment of Paul Hewitt as a Senior Business Development Manager within Vigeo Eiris' Global Markets Division.**

Paul Hewitt previously worked for 12 years at Manifest, the global proxy voting agency, and brings considerable stewardship support experience.

Paul worked with institutional investors both in the UK and abroad in addressing the challenges of improving their stewardship policies and processes, as well as with academics and regulators in approaching research, analysis and policy issues on a wide range of corporate and sustainability governance issues. Paul also sits on the Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board.

Based in the Vigeo Eiris London Office, **Paul Hewitt** commented, «*Over the last decade the increase in attention given to environmental, social, governance and ethical issues in big business by investors, regulators and the general public has illustrated its growing relevance to society at large and for investment. I am therefore particularly excited at the opportunity to be involved as Vigeo Eiris evolves to shape and support the needs of all stakeholders, including investors and issuers, in articulating the value of a more sustainable economy for the 21st century and beyond*».

**Michael Notat, Head of Global Markets Division, Vigeo Eiris,** stated «*We are pleased to welcome Paul and to benefit from his recognized experience. His expertise in the market and his long experience will contribute to reinforce our presence in the UK and beyond, as well as the quality of the services offered to investors*».

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## About Vigeo Eiris

On December 15th, 2015, Vigeo's Assembly of Shareholders endorsed the merger of these two established environmental, social and governance (ESG) research agencies from France and the United Kingdom, and the transaction was completed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Vigeo** was founded in 2002 by Nicole Notat and **EIRIS** was created 32 years ago. Vigeo proceeded to raise 6.3 million euros of new capital to fund the EIRIS acquisition and to ensure that the new entity has the funds necessary for Vigeo Eiris' future.

Vigeo Eiris will offers two types of services through two business units:

- **Vigeo Eiris rating**, utilizing its teams' expertise and its unique and well-regarded methodologies, offers a large range of products and services designed for investors and asset managers engaged in sustainable and responsible investment practices. This research covers more than 6,000 issuers, including companies, regions and states and is used by more than 300 clients, partners, investors, asset managers, NGOs and international institutions.
- **Vigeo Eiris enterprise** works with organizations of all sizes, from all sectors, public and private to support them in the integration of ESG criteria into their business functions and strategic operations.



Vigeo and EIRIS services and methodologies adhere to the strictest quality standards and have been certified to the independent ARISTA® standard, the leading quality standard for research in responsible investment.

Vigeo Eiris is present in Paris, London, Boston, Brussels, Casablanca, Milan, Montreal and Santiago and has a team of 180. The agency works also with partners in Canberra, Hannover, Istanbul, Jerusalem, Madrid, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul, Tokyo and Zaragoza.

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