

# MATRIX

## MATRIX CONTINUES CORPORATE FINANCE GAINS

### Appointed NOMAD and Sole Broker to Highland Gold and Joint Broker to Bglobal

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2010:** Matrix Group's investment banking business has gained two important new clients, further demonstrating the Group's growing corporate finance presence. Highland Gold, the AIM quoted Russian focused gold production company, appointed Matrix as NOMAD and sole broker to the Company. Matrix was appointed joint broker to the company in May.

In addition, Matrix was named joint broker to Bglobal, the leading smart metering and energy data company.

#### **Malcolm le May, CEO of the investment banking business of Matrix Group, commented:**

"Matrix is delighted to have won the role of nominated advisor to Highland Gold, an exciting company operating in an attractive emerging market market and sector.

We are also pleased that Bglobal have appointed us as joint brokers. This is another important win for our highly regarded energy team.

We have seen a lot of activity in our investment banking business over the past month with the arrival of our new integrated Real Estate corporate finance, sales, trading and research team as well as several other high profile hires in our Private Funds and Research teams. Earlier this week, Matrix also gained Treasury China Trust, the Singapore-listed real estate trust, as a corporate client."

Matrix clients including Patagonia Gold, Sable Mining, African Medical Investments Limited, Hurricane Exploration plc, Accsys Technologies plc, ReNeuron Group Plc and China Real Estate Opportunities plc have raised or placed over £300 million so far this year.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

The investment banking business of Matrix Group is a client focused, advisory, capital raising and securities sales, trading and research firm. They bring together considerable experience, knowledge and access to meet and match the strategic ambitions of growing companies and the performance needs of investing institutions. Today Matrix has a 97 strong investment banking team advising around 80 retained clients and serving the sales, trading and research needs of more than 140 institutional customers.

The investment banking business of Matrix has significantly increased research coverage and their team of 16 analysts now covers 14 sectors across small, mid and large cap.

The investment banking business is part of Matrix Group, one of the largest and most successful privately owned financial services businesses in the UK with £3.5 billion of assets under management and more than 235 professionals employed across four divisions: asset management, investment banking, property and specialised finance. Since inception in 1987, Matrix has raised around £13 billion of assets for investments across these business areas.

#### **Highland Gold Mining**

Highland Gold Mining is a well established gold producer with a world class Russian asset base of producing, development and exploration projects. It has strong management and operational teams with local and international expertise and an exciting portfolio of resources estimated at 15.7 million oz. We have an unrivalled pipeline of growth projects and focus on extensive exploration.

## **Bglobal**

Bglobal plc supplies, installs, reads and operates smart meters and provides a complete end-to-end energy management service to business. Bglobal's customers includes major energy suppliers, large corporates and public bodies and the increasing pressure to reduce energy waste, through measures such as the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) is driving significant growth.