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Evercore and Luminis Partners Announce Strategic Alliance for Cross-Border M&A Advisory Services

NEW YORK, February 2, 2015 – Evercore (NYSE: EVR), a leading independent investment banking advisory firm headquartered in New York, USA, and Luminis Partners, a newly formed, Sydney, Australia-based independent corporate advisory firm, today announced they have entered into an exclusive strategic alliance for cross-border M&A advisory services. The two firms will leverage their combined expertise and broad network of corporate relationships to provide independent, objective advice to their clients.

Luminis Partners recently has been formed by Ron Malek, Simon Mordant and Jamie Garis to provide conflict-free advice to major corporations, private equity firms, institutions, and government bodies on strategy, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, restructurings and capital markets activities. This strategic alliance will also include an investment by Evercore in Luminis Partners. The three founding partners of Luminis have worked together for 15 years, initially at Caliburn Partnership and then Greenhill following the sale of Caliburn to Greenhill in 2010.

Roger Altman, Executive Chairman of Evercore, said, “We are very pleased to form an alliance with such high quality partners who share our values and our priority on the highest quality, objective advice. This new, strategic relationship expands our reach into the important Australian market and strengthens us in the rest of Asia.”

Ralph Schlosstein, President and Chief Executive Officer of Evercore, said, “Evercore has sought to create the most elite global independent investment banking advisory firm in the world, and Australasia (Australia and New Zealand) is a meaningful part of that vision. The founders of Luminis Partners have over many years successfully advised substantial clients in Australasia and internationally. This affiliation will allow Evercore to better serve our clients in Australasia and allow Luminis Partners to better serve its Australasian clients globally.”

About Evercore

Evercore is a leading independent investment banking advisory firm. Evercore’s Investment Banking business advises its clients on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, restructurings, financings, public offerings, private placements and other strategic transactions and also provides institutional investors with high quality equity research, sales and trading execution that is free of the conflicts created by proprietary activities. Evercore’s Investment Management business comprises wealth management, institutional asset management and private equity investing.

Evercore serves a diverse set of clients around the world from 28 offices in North America, Europe, South America and Asia. More information about Evercore can be found on the Company's website at www.evercore.com.

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**MALEK, MORDANT AND GARIS LAUNCH LUMINIS PARTNERS
IN AFFILIATION WITH EVERCORE**

Ron Malek, Simon Mordant and Jamie Garis have formed a new independent corporate advisory firm called Luminis Partners.

Luminis Partners will provide conflict-free advice to major corporations, private equity firms, institutions and Government bodies on strategy, mergers, takeovers and takeover defence, acquisitions and divestments, restructurings and capital markets activities.

Luminis Partners has entered into a strategic relationship with global NYSE listed advisory firm Evercore (*market capitalisation US\$2.3bn*) to service clients around the world.

Under this relationship, Evercore will make an investment in Luminis Partners which entitles it to acquire a 20 percent stake in Luminis Partners in early 2017 and Luminis Partners will be the exclusive affiliate of Evercore in Australasia.

The three founding partners of Luminis have worked together for 15 years, initially at Caliburn Partnership and then Greenhill following the sale of Caliburn to Greenhill in 2010. Ron and Simon were founding partners at Caliburn in 1999 and prior to that worked together at BZW for a number of years.

Ron Malek and Simon Mordant were global Vice Chairmen of Greenhill and Jamie Garis was Co-Head of Greenhill Australia until last year.

As part of the formation of Luminis Partners, the founding partners intend to establish the Luminis Foundation. A portion of the future profits of Luminis Partners will be directed to the Foundation for causes in the community focused on arts, education, health and welfare.

"We are excited to have formed Luminis Partners to provide the highest level of corporate advice to clients. We strongly believe in the independent advisory model and bringing a depth of experience to providing objective, trusted advice to our clients," Ron Malek said.

"Over the past decades we have worked together on some of the most complex and innovative transactions," Simon Mordant said. "The three of us share a common passion- helping clients achieve their strategic goals and placing the focus on our client's objectives every time."

"Our affiliation with Evercore enables us to work seamlessly on a global basis with a firm focused on the same service quality and values," Jamie Garis said. "Luminis brings to the market the best attributes of the boutique, independent, and global-reach advisory models all wrapped into one."

Ralph Schlosstein, President and Chief Executive of Evercore said "Evercore has sought to create the most elite global independent investment banking advisory firm in the world, and Australasia is a meaningful part of that vision. The founders of Luminis Partners have over many years successfully advised substantial clients in Australasia and internationally. This affiliation will allow Evercore to better serve our clients in Australasia, and allow Luminis Partners to better serve its Australasian clients globally. We are excited about this partnership, as the founders of Luminis Partners share the approach and values that our clients embrace- providing the highest quality independent advice with the highest integrity, and completely free of the conflicts created by proprietary activities".

Luminis Partners will be located at Level 32, Aurora Place, Sydney.

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