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SLR Acquires Hoefler Consulting Group (HCG), a leading U.S. Environmental Consultancy

SLR Consulting has doubled its capabilities in contingency planning for offshore exploration and production through the acquisition of a leading Alaska-based environmental firm Hoefler Consulting Group (HCG).

At a time when spill contingency is top of mind for many companies as a result of the ongoing events in the Gulf of Mexico, the announcement positions SLR as a leader in onshore and offshore permitting and compliance.

HCG was set up in 1995 by Brian Hoefler and has 55 employees with offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Portland and Seattle. It is a leading provider of specialist permitting and air quality consulting services to clients in the energy and mining sectors with particular strength in contingency planning for offshore drilling, pollution prevention and oil field regulation.

SLR Chief Executive David Richards said: "In line with our strategy and current client demands, this acquisition will further strengthen our offering in permitting and contingency planning for offshore drilling. This is a particularly strong growth area at present given recent events in the Gulf of Mexico and we are already working with a number of major companies to review their spill contingency plans."

The announcement also represents a further milestone in SLR's strategy of augmenting organic growth through selective acquisition to strengthen and extend its technical and geographic coverage. It follows the acquisition of Heggies, a 140 person environmental consultancy in Australia, completed earlier this year.

The company now has almost 900 employees working from 21 offices in the UK and Ireland, 25 in the US and Canada and 10 in Australasia.

Notes to editors:

SLR Consulting is one of the fastest growing and most profitable environmental consultancies in the UK, with over 900 employees working from 21 offices in the UK and Ireland, 25 in the North America and 10 in Australasia.

Key areas of SLR's business are the energy and mining sector where it is involved with both the oil and gas industry and renewable power including wind, energy-from-waste, hydropower and biomass. SLR is also the leading consultant to the waste management industry in Europe and undertakes a significant amount of planning and environmental impact assessment work for major commercial developers.

Hoefler Consulting Group's expertise includes successful permitting for both routine and project specific oil and gas activities and it has carried out 300 air quality projects throughout Alaska. Hoefler clients include BP Exploration (Alaska) Teck Cominco and US Air Force.

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