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Nicholas Dewar Joins CirclePoint's Strategic Communications Practice
Dewar brings senior-level facilitation expertise to controversial and complex projects

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (Oct. 21, 2009) – CirclePoint today announced that Nicholas Dewar, a seasoned expert in complex environmental conflict resolution, has joined CirclePoint as a senior project manager in the firm's Strategic Communications practice. Most recently a senior facilitator and mediator with ICF Jones & Stokes in San Francisco, Dewar brings more than 20 years of experience facilitating dialogue and leading collaborative processes and consensus building for multifaceted, controversial, and politicized projects in both the public and private sectors.

“Nicholas further strengthens CirclePoint's reputation as a go-to firm for facilitation and collaborative process design for complex and controversial environmental projects,” said Scott Steinwert, CirclePoint president and CEO. “His ability to quickly and accurately understand technical topics makes him a very effective facilitator on a wide range of cultural, economic and environmental issues.”

Dewar has been involved in projects ranging from highway, railway, and waterway infrastructure and city master plans to climate change, water rights, superfund sites, and environmental justice issues. Past clients include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority, the cities of San Diego and Solana Beach, California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research program, Bay Area Regional Airport Planning Committee, and Caltrans.

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“I’m committed to making stakeholders an integral part of developing and implementing public policy,” said Dewar. “Stronger projects come out of creating authentic public involvement through a transparent and effective collaborative process.”

Dewar, 59, is a member of the National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals administered by the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. He holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Archeology and Anthropology from Cambridge University in England, a Masters degree in Ecosystems Management from Antioch University West in San Francisco, and also is a certified public accountant with experience consulting to the business sector.

About CirclePoint

Established in 1987, CirclePoint is a privately held California Corporation with a staff of more than 60 communications, environmental, and public relations specialists in offices in San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento, California and on the East Coast. In its third decade of successfully helping the public, business, and government communicate effectively to make informed decisions and navigate the environmental assessment and permitting process, CirclePoint provides comprehensive communications services to assist federal, state, and local agencies plan and implement solutions to challenging infrastructure, resource, and emergency management programs.

The firm’s core strengths are in public outreach and engagement, crisis and risk communications, and building and facilitating collaboration among public agencies, stakeholders, and business enterprises. CirclePoint’s services cover the full spectrum – from facilitating policy dialogues, meetings, and conflict resolution to developing and implementing integrated public information and education strategies.

CirclePoint also is a leading practitioner in the environmental consulting field. The firm provides the full suite of environmental planning, assessment, permitting, and regulatory compliance services to municipal agencies and private clients for a wide range of development projects.

For the second year in a row, CirclePoint was recognized by ZweigWhite as one of the fastest-growing environmental consulting firms in the U.S. For more information, visit www.circlepoint.com.

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