

## Jefferies and Hatch Corporate Finance align to enhance global mining expertise

Jefferies and Hatch Corporate Finance, a London-based business practice of the Hatch Group and leading corporate finance advisor to the metals and mining-related industries, have entered into a strategic alliance to provide financing and advisory-related services to the global mining industry.

The strategic alliance will be managed within Jefferies by Managing Director David M. Wheeler and Senior Vice President William J. Hunter. Guy de Selliers, Chairman of Hatch Corporate Finance, together with CEO Rod Beddows and Managing Director Rama Ayman, will jointly lead the effort from Hatch Corporate Finance. Jefferies' partnership with Hatch Corporate Finance will enable both firms to offer a wider range of services and provide a complete financial solution to emerging mid-sized clients in the mining industry.

"The global mining industry has seen unprecedented growth and need for capital over the last three years, and we are very happy to partner with this recognized leader in the industry," commented David Wheeler.

"We are very excited to leverage our expertise in global mining advisory for Jefferies' clientele of growing and mid-sized companies," said Mr. de Selliers. "Jefferies' relationships, combined with the expertise of Hatch Corporate Finance and Hatch Group, make a strong partnership."

"One of our missions at Hatch is to offer our clients in the metals, energy and infrastructure sectors a complete range of professional services from concept to startup. Our alliance with Jefferies will provide our clients with access to the financing they need for their important projects," said Kurt Strobele, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hatch Group.

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