

## **TAP ADVISORS IS AUTHORIZED BY THE FCA AND EXPANDS ITS PRESENCE IN EUROPE**

NEW YORK – May 15, 2014 – TAP Advisors, (“TAP”), a New York-based investment banking boutique, today announced that as of April 25, 2014, its London-based subsidiary TAP Securities Ltd has been authorized by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). In addition, TAP announced that, effective February 20, 2014, Arnaud Attamian joined the firm as a Managing Director in London and Ragnar Meitern will be joining the firm in London as a Managing Director, effective September 1st, 2014. Along with William Kennish, Mr. Attamian and Mr. Meitern will lead the senior coverage and execution effort in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (“EMEA”) with a focus on the Telecom, Media and Technology (“TMT”) sector.

Founded in 2009, TAP Advisors provides its clients with a full range of merger and acquisition advisory services, private financing solutions, and cross-border and international expertise.

Mr. Attamian joins TAP from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where he most recently was heading the coverage of emerging telecom companies across EMEA, focusing on strategic advisory and financing assignments. He has 16 years of experience in investment banking and equity capital markets in the TMT sector in Europe. Mr. Attamian is fluent in French and has basic knowledge of German. He received a Master in Corporate Finance and Financial Engineering from Paris Dauphine University.

Mr. Meitern has more than 18 years of investment banking advisory experience, including a decade at Citigroup, in New York, London and Dubai, where he advised on some of the largest telecom M&A and equity capital markets transactions in emerging markets. Mr. Meitern started his career at Salomon Brothers as part of their Global M&A advisory group based in New York. He joins TAP from Standard Chartered Bank, where he was most recently Managing Director and Regional Head of TMT, responsible for strategic client coverage in the EMEA region. Mr. Meitern is fluent in Estonian and Russian. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance with a minor in Economics from Rutgers University, and has also attended an executive education program at Harvard Business School.

Mr. Attamian and Mr. Meitern’s extensive experience in the EMEA telecoms segment includes advising on a number of transactions involving America Movil, Deutsche Telekom, Etisalat, Maroc Telecom, Megafon, MTS, Oger Telecom, Ooredoo, Orange, OTE, Saudi Telecom, Telefonica, Telekom Austria, TeliaSonera, Vivendi, VimpelCom, Wind Telecom and Zain.

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