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**South Pole Group welcomes senior sustainability experts to its global team
Marie Christine Bluett, William Garrett, and Rob Rosenberg join the global sustainability solutions provider**

Zurich, Switzerland, 27 October 2016 - South Pole Group is proud to announce that **Marie Christine Bluett, William Garrett** and **Rob Rosenberg** have recently joined the company as senior experts in the fields of carbon and renewable energy, sustainability supply chains, and sustainable investments to further develop the growing portfolio of sustainability products and services.

The announcement comes on the back of the envisaged entry into force of the Paris Agreement on the 4th of November, 2016. The Agreement requires both public and private sector actors to openly report and account for their actions on emission reductions and on the implementation efforts of their national climate action. These requirements, coupled with the obligation of governments to keep the average global temperature rise below 2-degrees Celsius, will continue to drive global demand for South Pole Group's sustainability solutions.



Marie Christine Bluett

Marie Christine Bluett starts as the company's new **Head of Renewables Portfolio Management**. Prior to joining South Pole Group, Marie accumulated profound experience at Statkraft, focusing on the sales trading of Guarantees of Origin in Europe as well as overlooking the launch of global I-REC projects. Since 2014, Marie has been an active board member of RECS International, allowing her to closely follow RE developments worldwide. Marie will continue to develop the Group's offering of renewable energy projects and products.



William Garrett



Rob Rosenberg

The Group's growing Consultancy & Services unit welcomes senior consultants **William Garrett** and **Rob Rosenberg**, both of whom will be based in South Pole Group's London office. With a robust background in forestry and over 20 years of experience in technical leadership and multi-national project management, **William** will further develop the Group's offering in the area of sustainable supply chains. William's previous work includes supporting the development of several community-based land use carbon offsetting projects, including three registered Plan Vivo projects at Camco, and independent consulting work for the Government of Nepal in the context of establishing Nepal's reference level for REDD+.

Rob joins the office with extensive expertise in financial services and corporate sustainability, including sustainable finance, UK pension fund governance, solar investment and sustainability reporting. He will contribute to the further growth of the Group's sustainable investment advisory unit. Rob's previous work experience includes 5 years at Ernst & Young (EY), where he carried out consulting work across financial risk and sustainable investment, specialising in topics such as ESG integration into investment portfolios, investments in renewables, and sustainability reporting. Before leaving EY, Rob managed the compilation of the 2015 Sustainability Report for EY Financial Services, which recently went on to win the Best Sustainability Report at the annual Ethical Corp Responsible Business Awards.

Renat Heuberger, CEO of South Pole Group, says: *"I am very excited to welcome our new colleagues on board. We foresee the Paris Agreement further catalysing the global demand for our products and solutions, and are excited to have found such professionals to help us drive our strategy of continuous innovation in the field of sustainability. The extensive expertise that each of our new colleagues brings from their respective fields makes them a crucial addition to our global team. These appointments are also a sign of our commitment to provide and implement high-quality sustainability solutions for both private and public sector clients."*

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South Pole Group is a leading provider of sustainability solutions and services. The company has delivered climate-proven solutions to a wide range of public, private and civil society organisations for over a decade. Areas of expertise cover key areas of corporate sustainability, investment climate risks, sustainable supply chains, green finance, as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency. A pioneer in emission reduction and renewable energy projects, the South Pole Group's portfolio is at present the largest available on the market. For more information, visit www.thesouthpolegroup.com or follow the company [@southpolegroup](https://twitter.com/southpolegroup).