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South Pole Group becomes signatory of UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment

Global sustainability solutions provider joins other leaders in driving responsible investment agenda

Zurich, Switzerland, 25 September, 2017 - The deepening knowledge on climate change and its effects has raised the bar among investors on what is considered adequate disclosure of climate-related financial risk. Shareholders are now pressuring companies to analyse and disclose their exposure to the potential transitional and physical risks incurred by changing weather patterns.

By becoming a signatory of the UN-supported **Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**, global sustainability solution provider **South Pole Group** has joined more than 1,800 other organisations around the world that have publicly demonstrated their commitment to upholding this momentum.

The PRI is an international global network of asset managers, owners and service providers working together to put responsible investment into practice. The principles, which are voluntary, aim to provide a framework for integrating environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) considerations into investment decision-making and ownership practices. John Davis, Director Financial Industry, South Pole Group, will participate in the official New signatory signing ceremony at UN PRI in Person in Berlin on September 26.

“We see the latest recommendations by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures as a real game changer in this space - in short, is your status quo a liability? Joining the UN PRI is a strong reiteration of South Pole Group’s commitment to help both companies and investors hedge against risks and capture opportunities in this inevitable transition to low-carbon. We look forward to continuing our valuable work with the PRI in shaping the next decade of responsible investing,” says **John Davis, Director Financial Industry, South Pole Group**.

South Pole Group works closely with both corporates and investors to prepare them for the impacts of climate change on the business and physical environment. With a new advisory offering on climate risks and opportunities that includes the assessment of value at risk in operations and supply chains; as well as the future-proofing of products and services against anticipated low-carbon policies, market trends, and technological shifts. The company has also added broader sustainability risks and services to its suite of solutions to ensure better alignment with and support for the guiding principles of the PRI. This includes adding water and corporate supply chain risk indicators, such as deforestation, to its analyses, and developing standard methodologies for sustainability impact assessments of green bonds - both of which provide ways for investors to also contribute to the UN SDGs.

*“South Pole Group has a longstanding commitment to climate change issues, and we have enjoyed working with them over the years on climate initiatives,” said **PRI managing director Fiona Reynolds**. “We are very pleased that they have now formalized their relationship with the PR and we look forward to continuing our productive relationship, particularly on emissions reductions projects.”*

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About South Pole Group

South Pole Group is a leading provider of global sustainability financing solutions and services. The company has 200 experts in 16 global offices and works with a wide range of public, private and civil society organisations for over a decade. The company’s expertise covers project and technology finance, data and advisory on sustainability risks and opportunities, as well as the development of environmental commodities such as carbon credits or renewable energy credits. South Pole has developed and provided climate-finance to over 500 projects in emission reduction, renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable land-use. For more information, visit southpole.com or follow the company [@southpolegroup](https://www.instagram.com/southpolegroup).

About the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

The PRI is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment. It works to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and to support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions. The PRI acts in the long-term interests of its signatories, of the financial markets and economies in which they operate and ultimately of the environment and society as a whole. Visit the PRI website for more details: www.unpri.org