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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Hermes Fund Managers appoints Matthew Doyle

Hermes Fund Managers has appointed Matthew Doyle to the newly created role of Commercial Director in Hermes Equity Ownership Services (Hermes EOS), its stewardship service with over £129 billion\* of assets under advice.

Hermes EOS helps institutional shareowners globally meet their fiduciary responsibilities and become active owners of public companies. Based in London, Matthew will be responsible for the commercial development of the business and will report into Colin Melvin, Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Equity Ownership Services.

Matthew has extensive experience in both professional and financial services, holding a number of senior roles including Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the London office of global law firm Latham and Watkins, and COO at McGrathNicol, an Australian based advisory firm.

#### **Colin Melvin, Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Equity Ownership Services said:**

“Since its launch in 2004, Hermes EOS has grown significantly, providing responsible ownership services to institutional investors, and Matthew’s appointment is a natural progression of this.

“Matthew will play an integral role in developing Hermes EOS’ presence and reputation in the market as it becomes increasingly important for global pension funds to exercise their share owner voting rights and responsibilities, in order to promote their long-term value.”

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Hermes Fund Managers**

Hermes is a unique fund manager – we have been an industry leader in Responsible Investing for over thirty years and offer clients the unparalleled combination of:

- Our **Multi-Boutique Structure** gives institutional and pension fund clients globally the benefit of access to a broad range of specialist, high conviction investment teams operating within an established and robust operating platform.
- Our **Investment Office** is a crucial function, acting as a performance risk ‘radar’ for all boutiques’ investment activity and is central to our mission to deliver Sustainable Risk-Adjusted Alpha to all our clients.
- Our commitment to behaving as a **Responsible Asset Manager**, not merely by being a ‘Responsible Investor’ in quoted companies but also by applying these principles across all asset classes and by behaving as a ‘good fiduciary’ on behalf of our clients.

Hermes’ investment solutions include:

- **Bonds:** Inflation-Linked, Government Bonds, Investment Grade, High Yield
- **Alternatives:** Commodities, Hedge Fund Solutions, Real Estate, Private Equity, Infrastructure
- **Equities:** Global, Emerging Markets, Small & Mid Cap, Europe, Japan

Hermes manages assets on behalf of more than 170 clients\* across these investment areas with £26.1 billion\* assets under management. Additionally, we support pension funds and other global institutional investors worldwide in meeting their ESG responsibilities through our market leading Hermes Equity Ownership Services, which takes on a stewardship role engaging globally on more than £129 billion\* of assets.

\*Please note the total AuM figure includes £3.5bn of assets managed or under an advisory agreement by Hermes GPE LLP ("HGPE"), a joint venture between Hermes Fund Managers ("HFM") and GPE Partner Limited. HGPE is an independent entity and not part of the Hermes group. £0.4bn of total group AuM figure represents HFM mandates under advice. Source: Hermes as at 30 September 2013.