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***Integrity Global Partners Secures Strategic Investments from Energy Changes and Gaia Environment***

**San Francisco, CA, Vienna, and Singapore - September 4<sup>th</sup> 2023** – In conjunction with the [Africa Climate Summit](#) in Nairobi, Kenya, Integrity Global Partners ("Integrity"), a mission-driven carbon and biodiversity development and finance company, unveiled its strategic partnerships with two industry leaders in the climate sector. Integrity is joining forces with [Energy Changes](#), a prominent carbon credit project developer, and [Gaia Environment](#), a leading carbon trading firm, to advance and expand its mission of financing high-integrity landscape-scale restoration and conservation projects, with a primary focus in Africa.

Integrity is an industry leader in originating, developing, and structuring nature-based project investments and has positioned itself as a key player in attracting institutional-scale capital. The company is actively building a global pipeline of projects and jurisdictional programs designed to generate carbon and biodiversity credits, meeting the growing demand in both voluntary and compliance carbon markets.

Energy Changes specializes in cookstove project design and execution and has a track record of successfully developing over 60 carbon credit projects worldwide. These projects have effectively reduced or avoided greenhouse gas emissions, with validations and verifications conducted under internationally recognized third-party standards. Gaia Environment, for more than a decade, has facilitated organizational climate contributions, originated, and traded environmental credits from over 100 projects across the globe.

These strategic partnerships will serve as catalysts for Integrity's growth, empowering the company to expand its core team and leverage Energy Changes' expertise to integrate cookstoves into its landscape-based emission reduction and removal projects. Furthermore, Integrity gains a preferred sales and marketing partner through Gaia Environment, granting access to the burgeoning demand for carbon credits in rapidly growing Asian markets such as Singapore and Japan.

Cheri Sugal, CEO of Integrity Global Partners, expressed enthusiasm about the new partnerships, stating, "*We are thrilled to welcome both Energy Changes and Gaia as investors and strategic partners in Integrity. These partnerships not only validate our mission to work collaboratively to bring the highest-integrity environmental assets to market, but by joining forces with these highly reputable companies, we gain invaluable expertise, resources, and networks to create even greater positive impact in all our projects.*"

Energy Changes and Gaia Environment recognize and endorse Integrity Global Partners' unwavering commitment to supplying top-quality carbon credits to markets, aligning with the IC-VCM Core Carbon Principles. These investments form a pivotal part of both companies' strategies to expand their footprint in broader nature-based carbon removal and reduction projects.



Ayse Frey, Managing Director of Energy Changes, lauded Integrity's vision, saying, "*Integrity Global Partners is a dynamic and visionary company that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the sector. We believe in their leadership team and are excited to be part of their growth journey. This investment represents a strategic fit with our own vision of collaborating with other leaders in the market to help deliver the highest possible climate action by developing high-impact projects across multiple sectors and thereby unlocking more investment at scale.*"

Amy Zhang, Director of Gaia Environment, emphasized the significance of this collaboration in the evolving landscape of climate action: "*We have partnered extensively to respond to diverse market needs since the Kyoto era, driven by the belief in carbon markets as an instrument for robust climate action. Nature-Based Solutions are essential to achieve global net-zero targets. We are thrilled to collaborate with Integrity Global Partners, with years of experience and expertise in this field, to be able to deliver impactful projects to corporates and organizations in the coming years.*"

### **About Integrity Global Partners**

Integrity Global Partners, founded in 2022, unlocks fair and equitable capital at scale to deliver high-integrity environmental assets to market. It brings together the necessary expertise to accelerate the deployment of mission-driven investment capital into high-quality nature-based projects and jurisdictional programs in the Global South and to enable project developers and governments to access the financing they need through global carbon and environmental markets.

### **About Energy Changes**

Energy Changes Projektentwicklung GmbH was founded in 2006 in Vienna, Austria and has established itself as a leading climate and sustainability advisory and project developer. Its mission is to accelerate climate action by identifying and developing greenhouse gas emission reduction and avoidance projects that create real, verifiable climate impact.

### **About Gaia Environment**

Gaia Environment, with its base in Singapore, operates across Japan, China, Austria, and Norway, ensuring global coverage. Prominent in Asia, Gaia boasts a diverse carbon project and Energy Attribute Certificates/RECs portfolio. Its holistic services encompass consulting, project development, and end-to-end credit delivery.

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