Control Risks grows ESG practice

Firm invests in strategic hires and new partnerships to help clients manage environmental risks and drive positive, sustained performance

16 November 2022, LONDON – Control Risks, the specialist global risk consultancy, has added leading environmental experts to its growing ESG team to advise clients on environmental risks throughout their value chains. In addition, the firm has also inked partnerships with leading environmental and climate-tech organisations like Cervest, GRESB and Environmental Analyst.

“Increasing environmental regulation globally coupled with higher stakeholder expectations mean that organisations are under more pressure than ever to assess their approach and performance,” says Maria Knapp, Partner and EMEA ESG Leader for Control Risks. “Companies need advice from people with a combination of on-the-ground, technically specialist and longstanding experience on these topics – so the addition of Emma and Gregor combined with our new partnerships are a force multiplier for our clients.”

Expanding environmental risk capacity

The firm’s Environmental & Climate Change practice works with clients across a variety of sectors taking a risk-led approach to sustainability issues, building on Control Risks’ 45 years of advising on social and governance issues.

“Building out a senior, experienced Environmental Risk practice and is a natural extension of Control Risks’ four decade long heritage as social and governance risk advisors globally,” says newly appointed Emma Arnold, who is heading up the practice. Emma brings 25 years’ of specialist environmental consulting experience to the team and has advised clients on high profile projects worldwide. Her experience spans the full sector of industries with particular experience in finance, built environment, renewables, manufacturing and chemical/pharmaceutical clients. She supports all clients through investment decisions, risk management and development of complex business cases to promote sustainability.

Emma is joined by Gregor Pecnik, who is leading Control Risks’ greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and natural capital accounting for EMEA. Gregor has nearly 20 years of experience as a sustainability consultant. He has advised many high-profile clients across the world on ways to measure, reduce and report their

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environmental impacts and help them build a business case for implementing sustainability in decision making.

Partnering with industry-leading environmental organisations

Control Risks' partnerships with and strategic memberships of high-profile environmental and climate-tech organisations will provide access to valuable climate risk insights and a network of science and technology experts globally.

• Cervest is the climate intelligence company putting climate at the core of every decision. The company provides decision-makers with the most comprehensive view possible of climate risk at the asset level with personalised, dynamic and science-backed climate intelligence.

• Created in 2009, GRESB is the global ESG benchmark for financial markets. GRESB collects, validates, scores, and independently benchmarks ESG data to provide business intelligence, engagement tools, and regulatory reporting solutions for investors, asset managers, and the wider industry.

• Environment Analyst is an international membership community for the environmental services space, built around their market intelligence service. The company brings together business leaders and practitioners in peer-to-peer networks to share news and insight with member companies.

"By joining forces with organisations such as Cervest, GRESB and Environmental Analyst, we can take advantage of the best climate technology and benchmarking and combine it with our own skills and services. This will ensure our clients get the most comprehensive and practical advice to really move the needle on their ESG framework implementation," says Emma. "These partnerships allow us to screen climate and natural hazard risks and assist clients in developing proportionate mitigation strategies for broader implications of ESG issues and sustainability in their risk management approaches."

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Control Risks is a specialist global risk consultancy that helps to create secure, compliant and resilient organizations in an age of ever-changing risk. Working across disciplines, technologies and geographies, everything we do is based on our belief that taking risks is essential to our clients' success. We provide our clients with the insight to focus resources and ensure they are prepared to resolve the issues and crises that occur in any ambitious global organization. We go beyond problem-solving and provide the insights and intelligence needed to realize opportunities and grow. Visit us online at https://www.controlrisks.com/our-services/esg-and-sustainable-business

About Cervest
Cervest's cloud-based climate intelligence (CI) platform provides the most comprehensive view possible of climate risk at an asset level. For the first time, enterprises, governments and financial service providers can quantify asset-level climate risk at scale, enabling them to climate-align decisions and investments. While assets are owned, climate risks on assets are shared, so everyone has a stake in protecting them. By making comparable and shareable CI universally accessible, Cervest is powering a Climate Intelligence Network that will drive behavioral change at scale and unlock a more sustainable future for our assets, including our greatest asset - the planet. Founded in 2015, Cervest is a Certified B Corporation with executive offices in the U.K. and the U.S. Learn more at https://cervest.earth/.

About GRESB

GRESB simplifies ESG data collection, validation, and benchmarking for investors, managers, asset owners, and asset operators. With coverage across private and public markets, data is reported to us at both portfolio- and asset level. Through the assessments, participants across real estate and infrastructure, such as funds, REITs, property companies, developers, and assets, can benchmark their ESG performance against peers, identify areas for improvement, and deepen their engagement with their stakeholders. Learn more at https://www.gresb.com/

About Environmental Analyst

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