

News Release:

Award-Winning Finance Professor Helyette Geman Named Special Advisor to Commodity Talent LLC

(New York, January 12, 2012) – Helyette Geman, award-winning commodity finance professor and advisor to governments and some of the largest financial service companies and commodity firms, has been named Special Advisor to Commodity Talent LLC, the New York-based global executive recruitment firm announced today.

Geman is renowned for bringing rigorous quantitative methods to the study of commodity markets. Generations of her graduate students, including Black Swan author Nassim Taleb, now occupy leading positions across a wide spectrum of investment, business, university and governmental organizations. Her book *Commodities and Commodity Derivatives: Energy, Metals and Agriculturals*, has become the reference book in the field and she is a frequent speaker at conferences on commodity markets.

“We are excited at the opportunity to work with one of the leading figures of modern commodity markets,” said George Stein, Managing Director, Commodity Talent LLC. “Helyette Geman will add depth to our work in commodity executive recruitment, extending our understanding and reach in rapidly developing complex commodity markets.”

“This step will magnify my efforts to help clients and candidates and I look forward to collaboration with a firm with the global track record and high standards of Commodity Talent,” said Helyette Geman.

About HELYETTE GEMAN: Helyette Geman is a Professor of Finance at Birkbeck, University of London where she is the Director of the Commodity Finance Centre and ESCP Europe. She is a graduate of Ecole Normale Supérieure in Mathematics, holds a Masters degree in Theoretical Physics and a PhD in Probability from the University Pierre et Marie Curie and a PhD in Finance from the University Pantheon Sorbonne. Professor Geman has been for the last 18 years a scientific advisor to major banks, energy and mining companies as well as commodity houses, covering the spectrum of interest rates, catastrophic risk, crude oil and electricity, metals and agriculturals (land and water).

About COMMODITY TALENT LLC: Commodity Talent LLC is a global advisory executive search firm based in New York that provides thorough, consultative searches for key commodity professionals to bolster clients' competitive strategy in front-office, research/strategy and mid-office positions; personal attention and counseling for top talent seeking the best platform, and competitive intelligence for clients on trends, strategy, market openings. Clients include major Wall Street institutions, marquee hedge funds, private equity and merchant commodity firms, as well as startup groups. More information is at www.CommodityTalent.com.

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