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Kent Howie rejoins BLG's Corporate and Capital Markets Group

Calgary, Ottawa (August, 16 2023) – Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) welcomes <u>Kent Howie</u> as senior counsel, adding exceptional deal and negotiation expertise to our Corporate & <u>Capital Markets group</u>.

Kent has a wealth of experience having dedicated more than 20 years as a business law partner at BLG before venturing into non-legal roles at the highest levels of the Federal Department of Finance at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During his time in Ottawa, Kent was a Senior Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Finance, playing a key role in the design and roll out of the federal government's support and loan programs for businesses during the pandemic, before becoming an Assistant Deputy Minister and head of a corporate finance branch at the Department. His work included leading the negotiation and completion of a number of substantial federal equity and debt investments in commercial entities and projects in the energy, transportation and telecommunications sectors. He also led the design and creation of the Canada Growth Fund, a new \$15 billion federal government decarbonization fund created earlier this year by Canada.

Kent's extensive knowledge spans various domains, including corporate and commercial law, corporate finance, government affairs, public policy and accounting. BLG looks forward to Kent continuing to help clients identify opportunities and mitigate potential risks, as well as providing strategic business advice to senior management and boards of directors on a range of significant matters, such as mergers and acquisitions, infrastructure and energy transition projects and corporate finance transactions.

"We are thrilled to have Kent Howie return to BLG and to our national Corporate and Capital Market's team. Kent brings unmatched experience providing strategic advice on high-profile projects and negotiations," said <u>Prema</u> <u>Thiele</u>, National Group Head of BLG's Corporate & Capital Markets Group. "His immense knowledge and breadth of experience has and continues to be an incredible asset to our clients."

BLG's Corporate & <u>Capital Markets</u> group is a national team with market-leading expertise in M&A, corporate finance and private equity—one of the most experienced corporate and securities law groups in the country.

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