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Watkinson Hanhart LLP merges with Meyers Norris Penny LLP

Merger will provide local owner-managers with wider range of advisory services

Lethbridge, AB – (Aug. 14, 2007) – Watkinson Hanhart LLP, Chartered Accountants is merging with Meyers Norris Penny LLP (MNP), the only Top 10 national chartered accountancy and advisory firm based in Western Canada. Effective Sept. 1, 2007, Watkinson Hanhart LLP is operating under the MNP name.

According to MNP chief executive officer Daryl Ritchie, FCA, the merger will enable the firms to provide a more diverse range of advisory services to owner-managers operating in Lethbridge.

“Watkinson Hanhart LLP has served the Lethbridge community for over 40 years, and has a proven track record meeting the needs of local owner-managed businesses. Owner-managers have always comprised MNP’s largest client base, and we look forward to expanding our presence in this important market by offering owner-managers more in-depth services locally.”

Ritchie says joining the Watkinson Hanhart LLP presence already in Taber will enable MNP to increase its focus on the Taber market, particularly in the areas of agriculture and oil and gas services. “MNP has a team of specialists with extensive experience in these markets, and we’re committed to further expansion in these areas.”

John Gray, CA, a partner with Watkinson Hanhart LLP, adds the partnership will join two firms with similar approaches to serving clients.

“Like Watkinson Hanhart LLP, MNP has strong Western roots and is renowned for providing outstanding client service,” says Gray. “We’re pleased to be joining a firm that will enable us to offer clients a wider range of services, such as business valuations, management consulting and corporate finance, while maintaining a friendly, straightforward style of serving clients.”

The new members of the MNP team will continue to operate from their current location (below) until a move to the main MNP Lethbridge office is completed later this year.

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About Meyers Norris Penny

Meyers Norris Penny is the only Top 10 national chartered accountancy and advisory firm based in Western Canada. MNP provides clear, straightforward business advice with a local perspective. For more information, visit mnp.ca.

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