

Eagle Capital USA Joint Venture Announcement

New York, USA, 2nd May 2013 — Thiam & Co. and Eaglestone are pleased to announce the creation of their joint venture company Eagle Capital USA to be headquartered in New York City.

The Joint Venture was formed to capitalize on the synergies between the two companies and to establish a truly global advisory and investment banking firm focused on emerging and frontier markets.

The Joint Venture will draw on the skills and relationships of its management to create global investment opportunities and partnerships for its public and private sector clients.

The new company will build on its shareholders' presence in the UK, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Portugal, Angola, Mozambique and South Africa to establish a global geographic footprint.

About Thiam & Co.

Thiam & Co., founded in March 2011 by Mahmoud Thiam, is a privately held advisory and investment management firm specialized in natural resources, real estate and infrastructure, agriculture, security and financial services. It is headquartered in New York.

About Eaglestone

Eaglestone, founded in December 2011 by Pedro Neto and Nigel Purse, former executive board members of Espirito Santo Investment Bank, and N'gunu Tiny, an African entrepreneur, is a financial services platform that operates in sub-Saharan Africa with an ambition to become a leading international private equity business and financial adviser on the African continent. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the company currently specializes in the following business areas: financial advisory, private equity and brokerage. Eaglestone's subsidiary, Eaglestone Advisory Limited, is authorized and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority. Further information may be found at www.eaglestone.eu.

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