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## **Norvestor appoints Lars A. Grinde as new Managing Partner and further expands the team**

Norvestor Equity AS has appointed Lars A. Grinde (48) as new Managing Partner from 1 March 2010. Lars has been with the team since 1991, and has a wealth of experience within all areas of the private equity industry.

Norvestor has hired Christian Fredrik Sontum (38) as a new Investment Director from 1 March 2010. Christian holds a BSc in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from IESE (Barcelona). He has a background from strategic consulting, investment banking as well as many years of operational experience.

“I very much look forward to building on the success of my predecessor Jarle Gundersen, who will continue with the team as Partner. We are also very pleased to have Christian on board. His background fits well with the Norvestor team, which now consists of 13 very experienced and talented professionals”, says Lars A. Grinde, Managing Partner.

From 1 March 2010, Trond Bjørnøy will succeed Stein Wessel-Aas as Chairman, in addition to his role as Partner. Stein will continue as board member of Norvestor Equity AS.

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