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Laura Curran Joins Skipping Stone to Lead Sustainability Practice

ORANGE COUNTY, California, November 2009: Laura Curran has joined Skipping Stone as a Principal in its California office where she will lead the company's Sustainability Practice.

Ms. Curran will lead client engagements that integrate sustainability planning and compliance requirements into their business strategies to generate greater profits and reduce risk. Laura brings 20 years of experience in strategy and operations in services and technology organizations, including Ingram Micro, Microsoft, The Nature Conservancy, and Lexis/Nexis. She has worked with firms such as Apple, Intuit, Microsoft, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and WalMart.

Ms. Curran is an Adjunct Faculty member at University of California Irvine where she teaches Supply Chain Sustainability. She has developed sustainability strategies and programs including optimizing distribution for retail and Web channels, reducing energy use, transportation miles, emissions, and packaging.

"In seeking the right leader for our Sustainability Practice, Laura stood head and shoulders above every other candidate", said Peter Weigand, Chairman. "There are so many people brand new to the area, that to find a seasoned professional with her leadership skills and depth of knowledge in the sustainability arena is a major victory for us and for our clients."

About Skipping Stone:

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