



Carbon Trading Veteran John Battaglia Joins BGC Partners to Lead Carbon Markets Desk

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- BGC Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: BGCP) ("BGC Partners," "BGC" or "the Company"), a leading global brokerage company servicing the financial and real estate markets, today announced that John Battaglia is joining BGC Partners as a Senior Vice President and Head of Carbon Markets, through its **BGC Environmental Brokerage Services L.P.** subsidiary. John will report to Nicole Shaughnessy, Managing Director, Environmental Products, BGC Environmental Brokerage Services L.P. He will be based in San Francisco.

Prior to joining BGC, John served for eight years as a Director in Carbon Markets at Evolution Markets in San Francisco. While at Evolution, he held several roles of increasing responsibility in the carbon business, most recently as the Head of Canadian carbon markets. John's experience will advance the strategic development of BGC's carbon business at a critical time for the markets.

"John Battaglia is a well-respected broker in the North American carbon markets. At BGC, he will be responsible for the growth of our carbon business in North America, including markets in California, Quebec, Ontario as well as for RGGI*," said Nicole Shaughnessy.

"He brings an in-depth knowledge of the markets along with well-placed industry contacts, which are extremely valuable, as we continue to expand coverage of environmental products," added Shawn McLoughlin, BGC's Senior Managing Director of Business Development for North America.

*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

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