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Equitable Origin Announces Partnership with the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment at the University of Colorado School of Law

New partnership seeks to promote best practices and advance thought leadership in sustainable development of energy and natural resources

NEW YORK/BOULDER (November 29, 2016) – Equitable Origin (EO) and the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment at the University of Colorado School of Law (the Center) announced a collaborative partnership to further mutual interests in the areas of sustainable development, natural resources, energy, environmental conservation, human rights and Indigenous Peoples' Rights.

The partnership will combine the expertise of each organization to focus on advancing the sustainability of energy and natural resources development worldwide. The partners will convene and engage public and private sector stakeholders to foster dialogue around emerging technologies, and best practices for measuring and managing social and environmental impacts of energy and natural resources development.

EO and the Center also seek to provide opportunities for exchanges of knowledge and information-sharing with and among Indigenous Peoples and local communities around natural resource governance and environmental stewardship.

“We are thrilled to enter into a partnership with such a well-respected academic institution, renowned for its thought leadership on place-based environmental conservation and pioneering work with Native American tribes on land rights and water monitoring,” said EO’s CEO Soledad Mills.

“Partnering with an organization that has worked with a wide range of stakeholders, particularly in Latin America, will enable us to expand our reach and provide additional opportunities for applied research to our faculty and students,” explained Alice Madden, the Center’s Executive Director.

The partners have agreed to establish a fellowship position, based at the Center, to identify opportunities for collaboration and coordinate joint projects.

As the world transitions to a clean energy future, the rapid scaling up of renewables, as well as traditional energy sources, while in decline, will need to be developed responsibly and sustainably. Working together, EO and the Center will pursue activities that encourage industry to adopt best practices and support local communities in deciding whether and how their natural resources are developed.

About Equitable Origin:

Equitable Origin is a nonprofit organization that partners with business, government, and communities to enable sustainable development of energy and natural resources for all.
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About the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment:

The Center is an academic institute serving the people of the American West, the nation, and the world through creative, interdisciplinary research, bold, inclusive teaching, and innovative problem solving in order to further true sustainability for our lands, waters, and environment. www.colorado.edu/law/research/gwc