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## **Matrix's Charlie Sharp recognised among top analysts at StarMine Analyst Awards**

**6<sup>th</sup> July 2010:** Matrix Group's investment banking business today is pleased to announce that Charlie Sharp, Head of Oil & Gas Research, has been honoured by the StarMine Awards as a top performing stock analyst. The StarMine Analyst Awards is an annual survey of analyst performance in the UK and Ireland. StarMine, a Thomson Reuters company, conducts the survey in conjunction with the Financial Times. Charlie was recognised as the number two-rated analyst in the energy sector in the "Earnings Estimator" category. He was also recognised by StarMine as the number ten-rated analyst in the "Earnings Estimator" category overall in the UK and Ireland.

### **Malcolm Le May, CEO of Investment Banking at Matrix, commented:**

"I am delighted with the news that Charlie Sharp has been identified by the StarMine Awards as one of the top performing analysts in the UK and Ireland. He has been an integral part of the Matrix team for the past few years and I am happy to see that his top work is being recognised."

Charlie has been with Matrix since August 2008. Previously, Charlie spent ten years working as an oil & gas analyst at Canaccord Adams as well as Jeffries International. He began his career in industry as a geophysicist, working in a technical capacity for Britoil and Texas Eastern.

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### **Notes to Editors**

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The investment banking business of Matrix has significantly increased research coverage with other recent hires in financial services, leisure and drinks which added to a strong team of oil and gas, mining, clean-tech, power and new energy and building materials analysts. Matrix now covers around 100 stocks, balanced between small, mid and large cap.

The investment banking business is part of Matrix Group, one of the largest and most successful privately owned financial services businesses in the UK with over £3 billion of assets under management and more than 230 professionals employed across four divisions: asset management, investment banking, property and specialised finance. Since inception in 1987, Matrix has raised £11 billion of assets for investments across these business areas.