

BRYAN CAVE LLP COMBINES WITH HOLME ROBERTS & OWEN LLP

Expanded Firm Will Link Significant International Resources With Deep Capabilities in Rocky Mountain Region and the West Coast

December 6, 2011 – The international law firm Bryan Cave LLP and 113-year-old, Denver-based Holme Roberts & Owen LLP (HRO) will combine their practices effective Jan. 1, 2012, following a recent vote by the partners of both firms. Globally, the firm will continue to be known as Bryan Cave LLP. The combination will add exceptional legal capabilities in energy, natural resources and sports law to Bryan Cave’s international resources while expanding the firm’s worldwide presence into the Rocky Mountain region and adding significant new depth and experience in California.

The combined law firm will have more than 1,100 attorneys in over 30 law and professional service offices around the globe. It is expected to rank among the 25 largest in the world.

“Combining with HRO represents a unique opportunity for both firms to expand the resources we can offer to our clients while reinforcing a shared culture dedicated to superior client service,” said Don G. Lents, chairman of Bryan Cave. “Extending our geographic reach while expanding the range of our services in California are important steps in our firm’s long-term growth. We are very pleased to have as our colleagues lawyers coming from a firm with the stature of HRO, a name that has been synonymous with the highest-quality legal work in its region for more than a century.”

Based in Denver, HRO also serves clients from offices in Boulder, Colorado Springs, San Francisco and Los Angeles. For more than 100 years, the firm has had a tradition of developing lasting relationships with the entrepreneurial businesses which built the Rocky Mountain West, including numerous energy, mining, natural resource and telecommunications and technology clients. In more recent times, the firm has been a leader in providing counsel for complex business and securities transactions, emerging tech and environmental matters. In addition, HRO has developed a nationally recognized litigation group that has handled numerous multimillion dollar cases for some of the best-known companies in the United States. With the combination, the newly formed firm will be the only international firm with full-service capabilities on the ground in Colorado.

“Our clients will benefit significantly from the capabilities offered by Bryan Cave in the U.S. and internationally,” said Randy Miller, managing partner of Holme Roberts & Owen. “We are very pleased to now offer much greater resources across multiple legal specialties. It was clear to us from the beginning that Bryan Cave and HRO share common values, including a passion for building long-term relationships with clients. This combination allows for the unbroken continuity of those professional relationships while also permitting us to offer a wider array of legal services to existing and new clients. We look forward to serving Bryan Cave’s existing client base in our home markets.”

Both firms have long histories of serving clients across a broad spectrum of transactions, and business and dispute resolution matters. The increased depth, added experience, greater range of

legal services and geographic reach create a firm that is positioned to handle an even wider array of client matters wherever located.

“By combining with Holme Roberts & Owen, Bryan Cave will significantly bolster our presence in the western United States, increase our overall footprint, and allow our lawyers to apply a wider array of resources to both existing and new clients,” said Stuart Price, managing partner of Bryan Cave’s Irvine office.

The combination with Holme Roberts & Owen follows Bryan Cave’s expansion in November 2011 when it announced the opening of a second German office in Frankfurt. The firm also practices in Hamburg, Germany, Paris, London, and through an affiliated office in Milan. Bryan Cave also has offices across Asia. Bryan Cave recently was ranked No. 2 among all major law firms for client service by BTI Consulting, an independent research organization.

About Bryan Cave LLP

Bryan Cave LLP, founded in 1873, has a diversified international legal practice. The firm represents a wide variety of business, financial, institutional and individual clients, including publicly held multinational corporations, large and mid-sized privately held companies, partnerships and emerging companies. Its subsidiary, Bryan Cave International Consulting, provides trade and customs consultancy. Aided by extensive investments in technology, Bryan Cave’s more than 1,000 lawyers and other professionals in 25 offices across the United States, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Asia efficiently serve clients’ needs in the world’s key business and financial markets. www.bryancave.com

About Holme Roberts & Owen LLP

Holme Roberts & Owen LLP was established in 1898 and has approximately 150 lawyers practicing in strategically positioned offices in Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The firm’s lawyers provide a broad spectrum of legal services in virtually every area of the law, including corporate, securities, energy and natural resources, mergers and acquisitions, estate planning, commercial litigation, real estate, health, employment, tax, environmental and intellectual property, technology and media. www.hro.com

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