



Nicole Shaughnessy joins BGC Partners as Managing Director, Environmental Products

***Highly Respected Energy Sector Leader to Run Environmental Products Desk at
BGC Environmental Brokerage Services L.P.***

New York (December 10, 2015) - 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 Nicole Shaughnessy has joined the firm as Managing Director, Environmental Products. A highly recognized advisor/broker to the environmental and energy sectors, Ms. Shaughnessy will run BGC’s Environmental Product Desk through the Company’s [BGC Environmental Brokerage Services L.P.](#) subsidiary. She reports to Shawn McLoughlin, Senior Managing Director of New Business Development, BGC.

“We are pleased to have a high-caliber professional with Nicole’s in-depth knowledge of the complex dynamics shaping the energy and environmental markets joining BGC’s Environmental Products team,” said Mr. McLoughlin. “Her expertise, well regarded reputation and vast network of industry contacts will be of great value to our clients, especially as they navigate the demands of a heightened regulatory environment, increased risk management and a more competitive market landscape.”

Ms. Shaughnessy brings two decades of leadership experience to the highly specialized energy and environmental sectors. She was most recently Founder and President of The Finerty Group, a respected provider of advisory services, energy brokerage, and wholesale power and gas marketing to utilities, project developers and Fortune 500 organizations nationwide. Prior to that, she held a number of senior roles at Evolution Markets for close to ten years, managing and overseeing the company’s Western Emissions, Renewable Energy and Weather Derivatives desks.



She helped establish the German power desk as a Director at Natsource-Tullet, Inc.'s London office and served as a Natural Gas Broker and Partner at Natsource, Inc.'s New York office, where she was focused on Gas Daily Swaps and Options.

“BGC’s commitment and leadership position in providing innovative, world-class financial services to a growing list of clients in the green energy markets is impressive,” said Ms. Shaughnessy. “I am excited to be able to partner with such a talented and dedicated team of professionals to expand the high-quality services and products BGC brings to clients in the energy and environmental sector worldwide.”

About BGC Partners, Inc.

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