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Vigeo and Novaster sign a partnership agreement directed at institutional investors on the Iberian market

París, Madrid - Vigeo, the leading European CSR rating agency, and **Novaster**, a Spanish retirement and investment consultancy firm and a major player in its market, have just signed a partnership agreement aimed at institutional investors (pension funds, insurance companies and benefit organisations) on the Spanish, Portuguese and Andorran markets.

This partnership will allow investors in these countries to benefit from a complete analysis of their portfolios, combining, on the one hand, an analysis of the financial performance of their assets provided by Novaster and, on the other, an ESG-related analysis of the same assets delivered by Vigeo.

Diego Valero, CEO of Novaster, stated: *« We were looking for the best partner to offer our services to our clients in the field of socially responsible investment (SRI) directed at regulatory commissions and pension funds managers as well as benefit organisations. Vigeo emerged without a shadow of doubt as the appropriate entity, as much for its product philosophy as for the quality of its analyses. We are convinced that together we will be in a position to offer real added value to all of our clients».*

Nicole Notat, CEO of Vigeo, added: *« We are pleased with this synergy with Novaster which paves the way for the development of SRI initiatives by institutional investors in the Iberian market, which we hope will expand our research offer to a large number of asset managers in this growing market ».*

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About Vigeo

Vigeo is the leading European CSR rating agency. The agency measures the commitment of companies and identifies ESG-related risk factors.

Vigeo offers two kinds of service:

- SRI analyses, company ratings and benchmarks for investors and asset managers; and
- social responsibility audits for companies and local authorities.

The Vigeo team:

- comprises 87 members of staff drawn from 14 different nationalities; and,
- is spread across four sites, i.e. Paris, Brussels, Milan and Casablanca.

www.vigeo.com

About Novaster

Novaster is a Spanish strategic retirement consultancy firm that has been active for more than 20 years in actuarial, legal and financial fields in the Iberian and Latin American markets.

In the financial field, the firm offers a specialised SRI strategy consultancy service aimed at pension funds and benefit organisations.

The 20-strong Novaster team comprises staff members, actuaries, economists, lawyers and financiers.

Novaster's headquarters are in Madrid, with offices in Barcelona.

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