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**GES Expands Ecological Services Capabilities with Acquisition of KBA EnviroScience, Ltd.**

Neptune, NJ (January 25, 2017): GES has announced the acquisition of KBA EnviroScience Ltd as a complementary fit into GES' environmental service offering.

The transaction adds to GES' capabilities in natural resources, NEPA, and related permitting and compliance services. These include ecological risk assessments, protected species surveys, biological assessments, cultural resources, and environmental protection plans. The team provides a wide range of wetland delineation, permitting, and construction support services along with ecological restoration and mitigation bank plans.

Leadership of both firms recognize the added value this brings to their clients. "With this strategic addition, we can immediately expand our natural resource consulting services across our operations," said Ed Van Woudenberg, president of GES. "This significantly advances our growing water and natural resources service line across geographic boundaries and market sectors."

All KBA employees, including founder Keith Bradley, have joined GES as part of the acquisition. Keith, a registered environmental professional and certified wildlife biologist, has over 34 years of experience as a consultant and at EPA. He leads a team of highly qualified scientists to support clients in the oil and gas, energy, industrial, commercial, and public sectors. "We are all very excited to join the GES team," said Keith. "The synergies between us will only serve to add value to a broad client base."

Projects now underway under the GES logo include NEPA support for remediation of a petroleum pipeline release site in West Texas and permitting facilitation for construction of a gas pipeline system in South Carolina. Keith and his team are working closely with the local operations and client program leads to jointly achieve our clients' objectives.

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