



Core States Group welcomes industry veteran Mike Calise to its Board of Directors

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia, January 18, 2023 – Harren Equity Partners (“Harren”), a private equity firm dedicated to the lower middle market, is pleased to announce that Mike Calise has recently joined the Board of Directors at Core States Group (“Core States” or the “Company”), a Harren Fund IV portfolio company.

Founded in 1999, Core States provides architectural, design, engineering, program rollout services to a diverse set of multi-national, blue-chip clients operating in a variety of end markets. Core States supports multi-site expansion, remodeling, and renovation programs across North America, primarily for large enterprise customers. Core States Energy, a division of Core States, offers industry-leading engineering, procurement, and construction (“EPC”) services in support of North American installations and enhancements of zero emission vehicle (“ZEV”) infrastructure as well as distributed generation and energy projects. The Company leverages its differentiated multi-disciplinary skillset to offer more comprehensive, innovative, and efficient solutions to its customer base. Core States is headquartered in Ambler, PA; additional information is available at www.core-states.com.

Mike Calise joins the Core States board with a diverse set of highly relevant professional experiences, both in executive roles as well as board capacities. Over a multi-decade career, Mike has operated across the cleantech landscape, driving revenue growth, profit expansion, corporate strategy and brand enhancement at multiple industry-leading enterprises. Mike’s vision for the future of transportation-related clean energy infrastructure has led to success in several executive positions, including in his current capacity as President, Americas of Tritium DCFC Limited (NASDAQ: DCFC), a global leader in DC fast charging. Prior to Tritium, Mike served as Chief Executive Officer of Blink Charging Company (NASDAQ: BLNK), an operator of EV charging equipment and services, as well as Head of Electric Vehicle Solutions, NA for Schneider Electric.

Joel Carter, Partner at Harren, stated: “We are thrilled to welcome Mike to our Board of Directors at Core States. We expect that Mike’s subject matter expertise and thought leadership will only further accelerate an impressive growth trajectory at Core States. Further, Mike operates with a level of excitement and integrity that aligns ideally with the Core States culture. We look forward to partnering with Mike to deepen, broaden, and strengthen Core States’ position in such a dynamic, growing market.”

Harren Equity Partners is a Charlottesville, Virginia based private equity firm dedicated to the growth and development of industry-leading companies through the creation of strong partnerships. Harren's strategy is to create long-term value by improving operational performance, providing in-depth strategic analysis, and executing a plan in partnership with portfolio company executives. Harren professionals take time to learn the business from the beginning of the investment process, develop and implement a strategic business plan, and support management with the increasingly complicated decisions associated with growing a business. Harren is currently investing its fourth fund and seeks investment opportunities of companies with enterprise values ranging from \$50 million to \$300 million operating in the following industries: Manufacturing & Distribution, Healthcare Services, Business & Technology Services and Industrial Services.

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