

## Vertex Acquires Breakwater Forensics, LLC

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Acquisition Expands Suite of Solutions and Augments North American Presence.

The Vertex Companies, LLC (“Vertex”), a portfolio company of Wind Point Partners (“Wind Point”), is pleased to announce the acquisition of Breakwater Forensics, LLC (“Breakwater”), a highly respected expert witness and business consulting firm. Vertex is a leading multidisciplinary AEC company that provides forensics, engineering, construction project advisory, and environmental consulting. This partnership expands Vertex’s bench of technical experts and extends its forensic consulting and expert testimony capabilities.

“Today, we celebrate a significant milestone as we welcome Breakwater to the Vertex team, and we congratulate the owners on the exceptional business they have built,” stated Vertex’s CEO, Bill McConnell. “This partnership marks the beginning of an exciting journey together as we combine our expert services, office platform and mutual dedication to bettering outcomes for our clients, colleagues and communities.”

Breakwater Forensics is a full-service expert witness and business consulting firm that is well-regarded for experts in damages, scheduling and government contracts. Breakwater’s team brings decades of consulting and testifying experience and its staff includes Professional Engineers, Certified Public Accountants, Certified Fraud Examiners and professionals experienced in analyzing complex issues and providing meaningful analysis and opinions on challenging assignments.

“Breakwater augments Vertex’s team perfectly,” said Nathan Brown, Managing Director at Wind Point. “Strengthening our forensics presence and expert bench are key steps within the Vertex value creation plan. The Breakwater team has created an outstanding business, and this combination comes with great upside for Vertex, Breakwater and our collective customers and employees.”

In a joint statement, Diana Minchella, Managing Director of Vertex’s Claims, Disputes and Forensics Department and Jeff Katz, Executive Vice President of the Contract Claims group noted, “We are excited to welcome the Breakwater team to Vertex. Our teams have already worked together, and we know the excellent caliber of people and work product that Breakwater offers. This partnership furthers our commitment to working seamlessly on client matters and to providing our clients with the best possible services.”

*Link to original press release:*

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