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—Eric G. Mitchell, President, Professional Pricing Society, www.pricingsociety.com

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—Paul O'Byrne and Paul Kennedy, partners, O'Byrne and Kennedy LLP, Chartered Accountants, United Kingdom, www.obk.co.uk

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