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## **Diligent Announces Planned Transition of CFO**

Diligent Board Member Services, Inc. ("Diligent" or the "Company") (NZX: DIL) today announced that Carl Blandino will step down from his position as Chief Financial Officer to pursue other opportunities once the Company becomes current with its financial reporting obligations for the year ended December 31, 2013, which the Company anticipates to be by May 30, 2014. Mr. Blandino will remain with the Company through July to ensure a seamless transition of his responsibilities.

Alexander Sanchez, Diligent's Controller, will serve as interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) effective after Mr. Blandino steps down from that role. Mr. Sanchez joined Diligent in September 2013 from Zara USA Inc., where he served as CFO. Before Zara USA Inc., Sanchez was with Sirius XM Satellite Radio and with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Sanchez has over 15 years of experience providing a broad range of financial reporting, auditing, accounting and business advice. He is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in New York and New Jersey. Diligent will commence a search for a new Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Alessandro Sodi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Diligent, said: "Carl helped guide Diligent through a difficult restatement of certain of our financial statements. We thank Carl for his guidance during this important period and wish him the best. Alex Sanchez is a talented and experienced finance executive, and I am confident that he will lead the transition effectively. The Company continues to pursue its key business strategies and Alex has been, and will continue to be, an important part of my team."

Mr. Blandino commented: "I look forward to continuing to work with Diligent in completing its filings to become current in its financial reporting obligations for the 2013 fiscal year, and am proud of the work we have done in completing the restatement. Alex Sanchez has been a valued member of the team and will serve the Company well as interim Chief Financial Officer upon my transition from that role."

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