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Global Eagle Entertainment Appoints Jay Itzkowitz as Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Brings Extensive Expertise in International Media, Entertainment and Satellite Broadcasting

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (Nasdaq:ENT) today announced the appointment of Jay Itzkowitz as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the company. As head of the organization's legal team, Mr. Itzkowitz is responsible for Global Eagle's worldwide legal affairs.

"Jay is an outstanding attorney who brings to Global Eagle extensive legal and business experience in the media, entertainment, satellite communications and finance industries in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, compliance, corporate governance and financial transactions," said Dave Davis, Chief Financial Officer of Global Eagle Entertainment.

"Given our multi-faceted growth strategy, we are fortunate to have attracted such a seasoned professional with substantial experience and relationships worldwide. Jay's experience will afford us a high level of expertise, and we welcome him to our organization."

"Global Eagle is uniquely well-positioned in the rapidly growing inflight connectivity and entertainment market," commented Itzkowitz. "Global Eagle's strong management, exclusive content resources and cutting-edge distribution technology, as well its solid balance sheet, position the company well for growth. I look forward to working closely with Global Eagle's highly regarded senior management team and board of directors in helping to execute the company's exciting strategic plan."

Before joining Global Eagle, Mr. Itzkowitz spent ten years at News Corporation, where he held senior legal positions at the Fox businesses in Los Angeles, then at News International in London, and then at Sky Global in New York. He played a key role in numerous acquisitions and worked extensively in the satellite and pay television businesses, including with Star TV in Hong Kong, BSkyB in the UK, where he was an alternate board member, and in Italy where he was a board member of the company that is now Sky Italia. He also worked extensively in Germany, supervising the acquisition of the predecessor company to Sky Deutschland. He then joined Vivendi Universal as a senior executive where he was Head of Mergers & Acquisitions, working in Paris and New York. For the eight years immediately prior to joining Global Eagle he was a Partner and Senior Managing Director in the London office of Cantor Fitzgerald, the financial services firm, where he played a significant role in many acquisitions made by Cantor around the world. He started his legal career as a corporate associate at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison in New York and has also been Of Counsel to the international law firm Hogan Lovells. Mr. Itzkowitz graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and holds a juris doctor degree from Rutgers University

School of Law. He is a member of the bars of the States of California and New York.

About Global Eagle

Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. is the only full service platform offering both content and connectivity for the worldwide airline industry. Through its combined content, distribution and technology platforms, Global Eagle provides airlines and the millions of travelers they serve with the industry's most complete offering of in-flight video content, e-commerce and information services. Through its Row 44 subsidiary, Global Eagle utilizes Ku-band satellite technology to provide airline passengers with Internet access, live television, shopping and travel-related information. Currently installed on more than 500 aircraft, Row 44 has the largest fleet of connected entertainment platforms operating over land and sea globally. In addition, through its AIA division, Global Eagle provides film and television content, games and applications to more than 130 airlines worldwide. Global Eagle is headquartered in Los Angeles, California and maintains offices and support personnel around the world. Find out more at www.globaleagleent.com

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