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**Katten Muchin Rosenman Represents Earle M. Jorgensen Company in \$934 Million
Proposed Acquisition by Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.**

*Deal Will Merge One of North America's Largest Metal Distributors with
One of Nation's Largest Metal Processors*

LOS ANGELES - The law firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP is pleased to serve as legal counsel to [Earle M. Jorgensen Company](#) (EMJ), one of the largest distributors of metal products in North America, in connection with the proposed \$934 million acquisition of the company by Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co., one of the nation's largest processors of metal products.

If the merger is completed, Reliance will pay \$13.00 per share of EMJ common stock, subject to a collar, in a combination of cash and shares of Reliance common stock, or approximately \$934 million, and Reliance will have total assets of approximately \$3 billion and annual revenues of more than \$5 billion.

"We have represented EMJ since 1990 and are pleased to continue that representation by assisting one of Southern California's most historic companies in this merger, which is important to it and a significant transaction in the metals industry," said [Mark A. Conley](#), counsel for EMJ and a partner in the Firm's [Corporate Practice](#) in Los Angeles.

Mr. Conley is being assisted on the deal by partner [Jack McBride](#) in the Los Angeles office; partners [Saul Rudo](#), [William Mattingly](#), [Adam Klein](#) and [Jim Smulkowski](#) in Chicago; and partners [William Duff](#), [James Calder](#) and [Louise Tudor](#) in New York. Associates [James J. Thompson](#), [Carolyn F. Loffredo](#) and [Heather Dennis](#) are assisting in the Los Angeles office, along with associates [David Calicchia](#) and [Daniel Lange](#) in Chicago, and associate [Joanna Bernard](#) in New York. Paralegal Jennifer Chung is also working on the deal for the Firm in Los Angeles.

Reliance, which went public in 1994, has carved out a profitable business as a nationwide processor and distributor of metal products. It has completed more than 30 acquisitions of smaller metals-processing companies since its initial public offering. The transaction is Reliance's largest acquisition to date and their first acquisition of a public company.

EMJ, for years one of the Southland's largest privately held companies, was founded by Earle M. Jorgensen, who came to Los Angeles after World War I and began his metal distributing business by combing shipyards for scrap metal. Mr. Jorgensen, who became a member of President Reagan's so-called kitchen cabinet, died in 1999 at age 101. EMJ completed its initial public offering in April 2005. Additional information about EMJ can be found on its web site at <http://www.emjmetals.com/>

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