

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# New Company **THE PRECISIONISTS, INC.** will create 10,000 jobs for individuals with disabilities by the year 2025

**Wilmington, DE – August 21, 2016:** The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI) has been launched to create jobs for individuals across a broad range of disabilities, initially focused on those on the autism spectrum, disabled veterans, hearing impaired, and visually impaired. The company will provide industry best practices for delivering administrative and technology services in a nurturing and team-based environment. Ernie Dianastasis will lead the company as CEO. The Precisionists, Inc. is a certified B-Corporation, a for-profit entity that is also equally driven by a social mission.

“I credit Governor Markell (Delaware Governor Jack Markell) and Secretary Landgraf (Delaware Health and Social Services Cabinet Secretary Rita Landgraf) for bringing this opportunity to the forefront of my thinking,” said CEO Ernie Dianastasis. “Over the last 31 years while helping to create one of the largest IT firms (CAI) in the Delaware Valley, I have always had a passion towards giving back to the community, particularly in the disabilities space. The opportunity to leverage my business skills, technical skills and business relationships across the country will enable me to lead a company focused on creating thousands of jobs for people with disabilities. The Precisionists will be fully engaged in helping this underserved labor force over the next ten years,” said Dianastasis.

“People are defined by their ability, not by their disability. Creating jobs means creating jobs for people of all abilities,” said Delaware Governor Jack Markell. “Now, more than ever, our state and our nation’s competitiveness rely on using our full potential - everyone’s full potential. I am thrilled that The Precisionists will be a Delaware-based company, yet it will have a global vision and mission. Ernie Dianastasis has demonstrated an ability to bring together major corporations and the disability world to create meaningful jobs through best practices. I am confident that with his leadership, The Precisionists will transform thousands of lives for the better.”

“When Ernie Dianastasis was introduced to me by Governor Markell, I was taken by Ernie’s experience and business skills,” said Specialisterne Founder and CEO Thorkil Sonne. “Ernie’s leadership made it possible for Specialisterne to adapt our Danish model for assessment and employment of autistic people to the U.S. market with Delaware as the base.”

“Ernie became a role model for engaging the corporate and local community in creating jobs for autistic people. I am excited about Ernie taking the next step in combining business with a social mission. I very much look forward to a strong and scalable partnership with The Precisionists, and I will encourage employers to benefit from Ernie’s experience as a proven leader in the field of giving companies access to the untapped talents of autistic people,” said Sonne.

The Precisionists and Specialisterne have started to dialogue with key leaders across many states and organizations to engage in this important mission.

“Ernie Dianastasis is a highly regarded business leader of our tri-state, Greater Philadelphia business community. Specifically, he has been a passionate advocate for our regional business attraction efforts via Select Greater Philadelphia. Ernie is always willing to trumpet the Greater Philadelphia region as a world class location to work, live and play. He combines his passion for our region with his passion for our entrepreneurial community. This new venture is timely and impactful not only for Ernie and his colleagues at The Precisionists, but will also showcase our region where innovation and social impact go hand and hand,” said Rob Wonderling, CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

"Ernie has been a trusted business partner for more than 20 years, working on the most complex technology issues that companies face," said Jeff Keisling, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Pfizer. "I'm proud that Ernie will bring together technology professionals from all walks of life with businesses that demand innovative capability from exceptional talent. I believe there is no better leader to guide this inspirational mission."

“I am thrilled that Ernie Dianastasis has decided to launch this new venture,” Delaware Cabinet Secretary of Health & Social Services Rita Landgraf said. “To us, this ongoing partnership is about the power of opportunities. It will mean employment opportunities for individuals across a broad range of disabilities. The Precisionists will know exactly how to best utilize the many strengths of people with disabilities to deliver excellent technology and business administrative services to major corporations,” said Secretary Landgraf.

“I told Governor Markell and Secretary Landgraf that this is the strongest domestic job creation model out there. Imagine employing U.S. citizens, who might otherwise be unemployed, by providing them with opportunities where they excel and love what they do,” said Dianastasis.

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**About The Precisionists:** *The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI), a B-Corporation, is a national company focused on providing industry best practices for delivering administrative and technology services by building teams which include individuals with disabilities. This approach enables The Precisionists to meet each customer’s specific needs, and to deliver projects with the highest degree of productivity. The Precisionists is dedicated to creating jobs for individuals with disabilities in all the markets it serves. Learn more at [www.theprecisionists.com](http://www.theprecisionists.com).*

**About Specialisterne:** *Specialisterne was originally founded by Thorkil Sonne in 2004. Specialisterne is a socially innovative non-profit business that uses the characteristics of autistic people as a competitive advantage, and as a means to help autistic people secure employment. The mission of Specialisterne is to educate stakeholders in talent and career development for autistic people through innovation, collaboration and knowledge sharing. Specialisterne is a global company with operations in Europe, Asia and now the United States. Learn more at [www.usa.specialisterne.com](http://www.usa.specialisterne.com).*