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**GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES EXPANDS CHINA PRACTICE,
WITH BARNEY MONTE, JOE GIAMICHAEL JOINING FIRM**

*-- Industry Veterans to Lead China Investment Banking and Research Teams,
As Firm Prepares for Inaugural China Conference in San Francisco July 11 – 13 --*

NEW YORK – May 17, 2010 – Global Hunter Securities today announced an expansion of its China sector practice with the hiring of industry veterans Barney Monte and Joe Giamichael as managing directors.

Monte will lead the firm’s China investment banking group, and Giamichael will lead China research. They both will be based in New York.

“As the number of China-based companies whose securities trade in the U.S. continues to grow, we are adding some of the finest talent in the business,” said Daniel O. Conwill IV, chairman and chief executive officer of Global Hunter Securities. “Our China practice is a top priority for Global Hunter, and Barney and Joe will help lead its further expansion. Both executives possess the highest qualities of professionalism and experience that our clients demand and have come to expect.”

Monte most recently was a co-head of the China investment banking group at New York-based investment bank Rodman & Renshaw. He previously was vice president of Akin Bay Company, advising clients on cross-border mergers and acquisitions in China, and also was an analyst with HSBC Securities. At Global Hunter, he will oversee a dedicated China investment banking team that will focus on registered direct offerings, secondary offerings and IPOs.

Giamichael most recently was director of research and senior China analyst at Rodman & Renshaw. He previously was managing director of CJS Securities, focusing on small cap companies in a number of sectors. Global Hunter currently provides research coverage and monitors more than 50 China-based companies whose securities trade on U.S. exchanges.

Approximately 100 China-based companies, ranging in market capitalization from \$50 million to more than \$1 billion, will make presentations to approximately 250 U.S.-based institutional investors at the company's inaugural 2010 China conference, to be held July 11 – 13 at the St. Regis Hotel in San Francisco. Yang Lan, one of China's most prominent media figures who often is referred to as "China's Oprah Winfrey," will address the conference as a guest of honor.

About Global Hunter Securities

Global Hunter Securities, LLC is a full service investment bank focusing on middle market corporate and institutional clients around the world. The firm provides insightful research, innovative capital raising and financial advisory and restructuring services supported by a sales and trading staff with world-wide reach. Global Hunter has offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Houston, New Orleans, Newport Beach and Hong Kong, as well as a strong presence and reputation in mainland China. For more information about Global Hunter, please visit <http://www.ghsecurities.com>.

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