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**GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES OPENS SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE,
NAMES JOE MALY AND AL KILDANI MANAGING DIRECTORS**

*--New Office Complements Southern California Presence,
Serving Middle Market Corporate and Institutional Clients --*

SAN FRANCISCO – May 13, 2010 – Global Hunter Securities today announced the opening of the firm’s San Francisco office and the appointment of Joseph F. Maly and Albert Kildani as managing directors.

“The opening of our San Francisco office represents an important strategic step in a prime geographic location, as we grow our firm and augment our team with highly experienced professionals,” said Daniel O. Conwill IV, chairman and chief executive officer of Global Hunter Securities. “Joe and I worked together for more than a decade, and I am particularly excited to once again call him a colleague. Both Joe and Al’s expertise and leadership skills will complement our commitment to provide superior service to our middle market corporate and institutional clients.”

“Our presence in San Francisco further establishes Global Hunter as a formidable investment banking firm that is accessible to a worldwide audience and plugged into a tenured financial network,” Maly said. “I look forward to building our firm’s presence with Al as we leverage our relationships in both equity and debt markets.”

“Our research, capital raising and advisory services present an important resource for a region that is in need of a firm with a deep breadth of financial knowledge,” Kildani said. “As an important financial center, San Francisco represents a natural expansion for the firm, complementing our offices in Los Angeles and Newport Beach.”

Maly has nearly two decades of experience in investment banking. He has completed more than 50 transactions in excess of \$8 billion, including issuances of public and private high yield debt, and convertible and equity securities. Prior to joining Global Hunter, he served as a partner at Hunting Dog Capital, a hedge fund providing innovative debt solutions to mid-cap private and public companies; managing director at Jefferies & Co., where he helped found the firm’s investment banking group; as well as an associate in the investment banking group at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. Maly earned an MBA

degree with a double major in finance and accounting from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Kildani has nearly two decades of experience in the financial services industry, with a focus on research in the healthcare services sector. Prior to joining Global Hunter, Kildani served as a director for Stark Investments/SF Capital Partners, where he formulated investment theses across all healthcare technology sectors for the firm's equity book. He also served as a senior research analyst at C. E. Unterberg, Towbin, and Pacific Growth Equities. Kildani holds a bachelor of science degree in business with concentrations in finance and economics from Boston College's Carroll School of Management.

Global Hunter's San Francisco office is located at 333 Bush Street, Suite 1450, San Francisco, CA 94014.

The firm will host its inaugural investor conference in San Francisco, July 12-13, 2010, at the St. Regis Hotel, focused on China-based companies whose shares 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.

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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