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**GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES OPENS LOS ANGELES OFFICE,
NAMES STEVE SEBASTIAN MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CO-HEAD
OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES**

-- Managing Director Jeff Zolkin to Co-Head Financial Advisory Services with Sebastian --

LOS ANGELES – December 1, 2009 – Global Hunter Securities today announced the opening of the firm’s Los Angeles office, as well as the appointment of Steve Sebastian as managing director and co-head of financial advisory and restructuring services. Sebastian will join Managing Director Jeff Zolkin in opening the Los Angeles office and co-heading financial advisory and restructuring services.

“The opening of our Los Angeles office marks an important milestone that provides a key platform for expanding our business and augmenting our investment banking team with tenured professionals,” said Daniel O. Conwill IV, chairman and chief executive officer of Global Hunter Securities. “Steve and Jeff’s deep breadth of knowledge and combined decades of experience will complement our presence in Los Angeles and enhance the growth of our business.”

“Our Los Angeles office will further differentiate GHS as a nimble and entrepreneurially-minded firm that leverages longstanding relationships to service our clients’ needs,” Zolkin said. “I am excited that Steve will be joining us in building our firm’s presence and continuing to distinguish GHS as an indispensable investment banking partner that has the expertise and financial acumen to adapt to the changing tides of the marketplace.”

“Restructuring and advisory transactions in today’s challenging markets require more than capable and independent advice. Conditions call for a firm that has the experience and ability to develop innovative financing solutions for difficult situations and quickly find the best buyers of distressed assets,” Sebastian said. “GHS has the leveraged finance, research, industry coverage and relationships to add real value to the restructuring and advisory services that we offer.”

Sebastian has completed more than 140 advisory, financing and restructuring transactions across multiple industries. Prior to joining Global Hunter Securities, he served as a group co-head at Chanin Capital Partners, a financial advisory firm focused on distressed transactions; a senior managing director for Bear, Stearns & Co.; a managing director in the merchant banking department of Bankers Trust/Deutsche Bank;

as well as a private equity principal. Sebastian received his MBA/JD with honors from Northwestern University.

Zolkin, a managing director within the investment banking group at Global Hunter since 2008, has expertise in global leveraged finance, distressed debt, restructuring and special situation transactions. Zolkin has completed transactions across multiple industry segments, including basic materials, industrial manufacturing, consumer goods, aerospace and defense, automotive, telecommunications, energy and oil services. Previously, Zolkin was a senior investment banker at Jefferies & Company and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin. Zolkin received his MBA with honors from Columbia Business School.

Global Hunter's Los Angeles office is located at Westwood Gateway, 11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 230, Los Angeles, CA 90025 and can be reached at (310) 689-1900.

About Global Hunter Securities:

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