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Amherst Partners Adds Managing Director in Chicago Office

Birmingham, Michigan (June 8, 2010) - Amherst Partners, LLC today announced that Andrew W. Chidester has joined the firm as a Managing Director.

Mr. Chidester will lead Amherst's Chicago office and will focus on investment banking services. Mr. Chidester joins Amherst with over 20 years of investment banking and corporate finance experience.

Prior to joining Amherst Partners, Mr. Chidester served as Managing Director in the Investment Banking group at Duff & Phelps, Inc. in Chicago. Prior to Duff & Phelps, he was a Vice President in the Chicago office of Brown Gibbons Lang, where he provided investment banking services to middle-market companies. Preceding his employment at Brown Gibbons Lang, Mr. Chidester was a Vice President in the Midwest Private Equity Group at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, also located in Chicago. Additionally, he worked in the Corporate Finance Group of Heller Financial and was one of the founding members of Heller's Healthcare Finance Division. Mr. Chidester began his career with Deloitte & Touche.

Mr. Chidester obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Music from Carleton College, a MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and a Master of Science in Accounting from DePaul University. He is a FINRA-licensed securities representative, holding Series 7 and Series 63 registrations. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a frequent speaker on topics concerning mergers and acquisitions, financial restructurings and capital markets trends.

Since 1994, Amherst Partners has assisted middle market businesses by providing comprehensive merger and acquisition, corporate restructuring, and management advisory services. With offices in Birmingham and Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and Columbus, Ohio, Amherst brings together skill in the merger and acquisition process, expertise in finance and operational management, and a network of local and global resources. Amherst is a member of IMAP, the world's largest M&A network.

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