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Amherst Partners Adds Director in Chicago Office

Birmingham, Michigan (May 12, 2010) - Amherst Partners, LLC today announced that Thomas J. Hoge has joined the firm as a Director.

Mr. Hoge will be based in the Chicago, Illinois office and will be focused primary within Amherst's investment banking services group. Mr. Hoge joins Amherst with over 10 years of investment banking and private equity experience.

Prior to joining Amherst, Mr. Hoge worked as an investment banker for Bear Stearns and BMO Capital Markets. In both roles, Mr. Hoge focused on relationship coverage of private equity firms, in addition to execution of investment banking transactions. While at BMO, Mr. Hoge also sourced and analyzed, on behalf of the firm, new investment opportunities in middle-market private equity buyout funds.

Mr. Hoge began his investment banking career with Dain Rauscher Wessels, where he focused on the technology sector. Mr. Hoge also worked at an industry leading, multi-billion dollar investment firm focused on late-stage venture and public investments in the technology sector. Upon graduation, he worked at Ernst & Young LLP.

Mr. Hoge concurrently received his MBA and BA from The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management at Michigan State University. Mr. Hoge passed the Certified Public Accountant examination in 1998 and is a CFA Level III Candidate. He also holds the Series 7, 63 and 79 registrations.

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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