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Amherst Partners Adds Managing Director

Birmingham, Michigan (August 17, 2009) Amherst Partners today announced that Donald R. Luciani has joined the firm as a Managing Director in its Birmingham, Michigan office. "While many investment banking firms have been scaling back in this market, Amherst believes there is a great opportunity to expand its middle market investment banking presence and build upon its successful financial advisory platform," noted Amherst's Managing Partner, Scott Eisenberg.

Mr. Luciani will focus on providing transactional advisory services to both public and private companies, including merger and acquisition strategies, joint ventures, financial restructuring, fairness opinions and obtaining financing.

Prior to joining Amherst, Mr. Luciani served as Managing Director at Macquarie Capital Advisors, a division of Australia-based Macquarie Group, where he headed the global deal origination and execution activities of the Transportation Industry Group. Previously, as Managing Director at Giuliani Capital Advisors, Mr. Luciani co-led the Detroit office and directed industry teams focused on the transportation and industrial products industries.

Mr. Luciani was also a Partner and later Managing Director in the Corporate Finance group at Ernst & Young LLP. In addition, he served as Chief Financial officer for a diversified Michigan-based holding company, and as a commercial loan officer at a leading Midwest-based commercial bank.

Mr. Luciani obtained an MBA (Finance) from the University of Michigan and a BA (Economics and Management) from Albion College. He has been a frequent speaker on topics involving the transaction and financing markets.

About Amherst Partners

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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