

***Matrix Capital Markets Group
Celebrates 20 Years, Continues Growth***

RICHMOND, VA – July 17, 2008 – When Matrix first opened its doors as an M&A advisory firm over 20 years ago, our main focus was a commitment to excellence, passion for what we do and building long-lasting, solid relationships with our clients. Today, those principles still hold true. Over the years we have exceeded the expectations of hundreds of clients and have maintained a closure rate of 90%+.

This year has also been more than just a celebration of two decades in business. Despite a soft financing market, Matrix continues to flourish. After closing nine transactions in the first six months of this year (including two sell side assignments last month), the first half of 2008 has proven to be quite remarkable.

We have also been fortunate to have our success continue in the recruiting field as well. Kevin White recently joined the firm as a Vice President. Kevin brings with him over eleven years of experience in the M&A and corporate development field - more recently with Circuit City and BB&T Capital Markets. John Cudzik also recently joined as a Director to enhance the firm's Building Materials & Allied Products' practice. He has over 75 transactions to his credit and over 19 years of corporate finance experience. John spent the last eight years with Ferguson Enterprises, a subsidiary of Wolseley, a leading supplier of construction products, materials and services across Europe and North America, with sales of over \$30 billion. We are continuing our recruiting efforts and look forward to adding additional senior level professionals to our team. Other additions include Cara Grealis in Marketing and Kim Wagner as part of our Energy & Multi-Site Retail Group.

Our continued dedication to our clients through senior level attention, creative and critical thinking, as well as our unparalleled attention to detail has made the company what it is today. In 2001, Matrix was purchased by MONY/AXA Financial (NYSE:AXA) to serve as its "in-house" M&A investment banking arm for its high net worth and institutional clients, and in 2005 was repurchased by the senior management team at Matrix. Those team members include our managing directors who have been with the firm for over 13 years on average and our vice presidents, who have an average tenure of over seven years. This investment by management marked a real commitment to see the company grow and prosper.

Jeff Moore, President of Matrix commented, "As we reflect back over the past 20 years, I am reminded of how unique our corporate culture is. We take the time to truly understand the needs of our clients well in advance, and in many cases, years in advance of an actual transaction. We know what is at stake and provide honest and straight forward advice; that type of commitment is the foundation for many of the close client relationships that we still maintain today. Our success is a direct reflection of those relationships and we sincerely appreciate the trust that our clients have placed in us. We look forward to another successful 20 years."

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About Matrix Capital Markets Group – Celebrating 20 Years

Matrix Capital Markets Group is a leading middle market investment bank headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. Since 1988, Matrix has focused on providing merger & acquisition and financial advisory services for corporate and privately-held companies, including sales and divestitures, Staged Liquidity Transactions®, management buyouts, and debt & equity placements. For additional information, please visit www.matrixcapitalmarkets.com.

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