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Takenaka Partners Names Paul Louie as Vice President, Business Development and Greater China Region

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA – April 2, 2007 – Takenaka Partners, a specialty investment bank and consulting group specializing in cross-border transactions, announced today that Paul Louie has joined the firm as Vice President, Business Development and Greater China Region. Mr. Louie is based in Takenaka's downtown Los Angeles headquarters. Mr. Louie brings to the firm twelve years experience in venture capital investing, M&A advisory, cross-border consulting and senior level operating experience. Mr. Louie's most recent experience was with a middle-market growth company called Hospitality Focused Solutions, Inc. (HFS), where he served as Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development. While at HFS, he assisted with the successful consolidation of four partner companies and managed the post-merger integration of the newly consolidated company. During his years there, HFS doubled in size in three consecutive years.

From 2002-2004, Mr. Louie served as a Managing Partner of a boutique M&A advisory firm in Boulder, CO called Flatirons Partners where he provided sell-side advisory to a host of middle-market clients located in the Rocky Mountain region. Prior to that, Mr. Louie lived and worked for five years in Taipei, Taiwan where he managed a venture capital firm called Aldare Capital Partners that specialized in cross-border venture transactions between Chinese investors and US technology companies. In addition, he served as the Country manager of a US-based securities firm's Taiwan Representative Office. Mr. Louie is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and conversational in Cantonese. He holds a B.A. degree in International Business from San Diego State University.

"Paul is a very strong addition to our team as we continue to grow," commented Yukuo Takenaka, CEO of Takenaka Partners. "With his experience in private equity, M&A, and operations from both here in the US and in Greater China, he will be able to build and develop our Greater China practice. This will create a 'fourth leg' of expertise to go along with Takenaka's existing strengths in Japan, Korea, and India."

"The foundation and history of completed Asian cross-border transactions that Takenaka has will provide an ideal platform in which to launch a thriving Greater China practice," explains Mr. Louie. "I am genuinely excited to have this opportunity to work with such a high quality group such as Takenaka Partners."

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