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## **BBK and Takenaka Partners Establish Alliance to Strengthen Global Reach and Value**

### **Press Release**

**Southfield, MI** – September 12, 2006 – BBK, an international business advisory firm, and Takenaka Partners, a specialty investment bank and consulting firm, announced that they have formed an agreement as strategic partners. Both firms are considered industry leaders and employ senior level executives that deliver value driven, practical solutions.

The alliance will deliver increased opportunities for both BBK and Takenaka Partners clients and prospects by expanding their global footprint and strengthening their arsenals of professional expertise. Further, the alliance will provide Takenaka Partners clients with access to BBK's deep manufacturing expertise and proven operations and implementation capabilities. BBK's clients will benefit from Takenaka Partners cross-border expertise, investment banking services and diverse industry experience.

"We are always looking for ways to enhance the value we deliver to our clients," said B.N. Bahadur, Chairman of BBK. "Takenaka Partners is one of the most respected firms in the Asian business community. Our alliance with them allows us to leverage their long-time relationships with Asian business leaders, and enhances our broad resource network and critical mass in key locations across Asia, Europe and North America."

"Takenaka Partners is pleased to form a global alliance with BBK," said Yukuo Takenaka, CEO & Founder. "We believe BBK's restructuring expertise, operational experience and in-depth knowledge of the automotive industry, coupled with our investment banking expertise and Asian network will bring additional value to all of our clients worldwide. We look forward to working with BBK to provide creative business solutions and services in the global business environment."

Under the terms of the agreement, both firms will use the alliance for consulting sourcing and referrals, including cross-border mergers and acquisitions, strategic counseling, valuation services, corporate restructuring, turnaround management and operations improvement. It will also enhance the firm's global reach with combined offices in Detroit, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Frankfurt, France, the Netherlands, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Tokyo.

### **About BBK**

BBK, an international business advisory firm established in 1977, provides strategic, financial and operational services that enhance the growth, profits and stability of its clients. BBK has over 100 professionals throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, and has completed more than 2,000 engagements for a variety of clients, including Fortune 500 corporations, mid-sized companies, financial institutions, law firms and private equity firms. Headquarters are based in Detroit. For more information, visit [www.e-bbk.com](http://www.e-bbk.com).

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