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CIRCLE PEAK CAPITAL PROMOTES JAMES H. CLIPPARD

New York, NY, March 27, 2007 – Private equity firm Circle Peak Capital (“Circle Peak”) announced the promotion of James H. Clippard to Vice President. His promotion follows nearly two years at the firm and involvement in the firm’s buyouts in both the consumer and asset management sectors.

Clippard joined Circle Peak in June 2005 after spending five years in financial services. He was formerly a vice president of equity derivatives at Bear, Wagner Specialists, a subsidiary of Bear Stearns Companies, and an analyst at Spear, Leeds, and Kellogg (SLK), a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs. While at Bear, Wagner and SLK, Clippard focused on applied quantitative modeling and equity analysis.

Since joining Circle Peak as an associate in 2005, Clippard has worked on multiple transactions, including Shari’s Restaurants (a leading regional casual dining restaurant chain purchased in December 2005), Luxury Optical Holdings (a leading national luxury optical retail platform formed in May 2006), and WealthTrust, Inc (a leading national wealth and asset management holding company purchased in November 2006). He supports all investment areas of the firm and is involved in new deal generation, deal flow management, and ongoing portfolio management. He was promoted to senior associate in May 2006.

Clippard received his MBA in May 2006 from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business with a degree in finance. In addition, he earned a B.S. in Economics at Cornell University, where he was on the dean’s list, and attended the London School of Economics. He resides in New York, NY.

Circle Peak’s Founder R. Adam Smith said, “We are delighted with Jim’s performance and appreciate the added value he provides our firm.”

CIRCLE PEAK CAPITAL

Circle Peak Capital is a private equity investment firm based in New York that invests in or acquires established small- and mid-sized private companies in the consumer and asset management sectors, with a focus on building leading national brands and sustainable competitive advantages in its affiliate companies. Circle Peak Capital makes equity investments

in partnership with capital partners and operating executives to support management buyouts, acquisition platforms, and recapitalizations involving junior capital commitments per transaction of up to \$100 million. Since August 2005, the firm has led and closed five stand-alone investments and several add-ons acquisitions, involving aggregate total transaction value of approximately \$350 million, aggregate junior capital commitments of approximately \$180 million, and aggregate revenue of over \$300 million.

Circle Peak Capital's principals, operating advisors, and capital partners are experienced in acquiring, managing, and building lower-middle market and middle-market companies involving up to \$500 million in sales.

Circle Peak Capital's existing investment portfolio includes Rocket Dog LLC, WealthTrust, Inc., Shari's Restaurants Management Corp, Hill & Valley, LLC and Luxury Optical Holdings LLC, which won the 5th Annual M&A Advisor Award "Retailing Deal of the Year."

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