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LOS ANGELES – March 11, 2009 – IMAP, an exclusive global organization of leading merger and acquisition (M&A) advisory firms, announced today that it ranked sixth in the world for M&A transactions completed with transaction values under \$200 million, according to Thomson Reuters League Tables for 2008. IMAP improved its ranking from seventh place in 2007, solidifying its position as the authority in middle-market M&A transactions and outranking many well-known financial advisors. IMAP also announced plans for a press conference on Thursday, April 2, where IMAP will announce the results of its annual global transaction and pricing survey.

Thomson Reuters League Tables are based upon a single set of globally consistent criteria, submission guidelines, transaction classifications and eligibility rules, allowing interested parties to accurately analyze transactions from around the world. In addition to ranking sixth in the world for M&A transactions completed with transaction values under \$200 million, the Thomson Reuters League Tables also ranked IMAP in the following categories:

- Fifth for M&A transactions completed with transaction values under \$50 million
- Fifth for M&A transactions completed with transaction values under \$100 million
- Tenth for M&A transactions completed with transaction values under \$500 million

“The Thomson Reuters League Table results are a direct reflection of our high-level of success and ability to close deals, even in the current economic environment,” said Mark Esbeck, IMAP president. “Although the overall number of transactions may decrease in 2009, we do expect volume to pick up toward the end of the year. It will take creative solutions and collaboration to get transactions completed, which is precisely the topic we plan to address at our 2009 Global M&A Symposium in Los Angeles.”

The global transaction and pricing survey press conference will be held during IMAP’s 2009 Global M&A Symposium in Los Angeles on Thursday, April 2, at 3 p.m. The symposium will take place at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City, Calif., and will provide insights into what is happening in the global M&A market from IMAP’s nearly 60 member firms in more than 40 countries and five continents. More information about the symposium and the press conference is available at www.imapLA2009.com.

About IMAP

IMAP is an exclusive global organization of leading merger and acquisition advisory firms. Formed in 1973, IMAP is composed of nearly 60 firms with more than 100 offices in 40 countries including North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia, and Asia. IMAP member firms completed more than 250 transactions in 2008 with an aggregate transaction value of more than \$11 billion. IMAP advisors provide strategic merger, acquisition, divestiture and related corporate finance services. Sellers of mid-size companies and corporate acquirers alike rely upon IMAP for essential local market knowledge and industry expertise delivered with unparalleled global reach. More information is available at www.imap.com.

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