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IMAP Nominates new Member Firm for Austria

LEVEL FIVE Consulting in Vienna serves the market for mergers & acquisitions.

Tampa Bay, Florida (May 15, 2008) – The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) announces the admission of a new member firm from Austria into its organization. LEVEL FIVE has been selected for Austria and joined IMAP after successfully completing an extensive qualification process. This brings additional high quality advisors into the IMAP organization and will help to better serve clients in Austria.

"LEVEL FIVE's acceptance into IMAP completes and strengthens our already strong presence in the Middle European region. We are very pleased to welcome a team, which exactly provides the credentials and track record of top M&A professionals for mid-market transactions," said IMAP president Mark Esbeck at IMAP's recent meeting in Washington DC, USA. IMAP ranked No. 4 in the world in middle market completed transactions up to \$50 million in 2007 according to Thomson Financial leagues tables.

Heinz Brasic co-founder of LEVEL FIVE commented, "With this integration into IMAP, we now offer the global coverage for cross-border M&A deals, and it makes us well positioned to serve our Austrian clients around the globe. It is key for us to be part of the world's largest M&A organization as mid-market clients require best-in-class services and their related international transactions are developing rapidly in this region of the European Union."

About LEVEL FIVE:

LEVEL FIVE Consulting was formed in 2001 and provides middle market M&A advisory and post-transaction integration services in Austria. LEVEL FIVE places strong emphasis on senior advisor support backed by strong emphasis on research and analysis. LEVEL FIVE is paving the way for bank and lender independent M&A advisory services to the middle market in Austria. The owner-operated advisory firm has the depth and experience to manage transactions of all size and stay involved to ensure that the transaction functions as intended by the involved parties. The company operates from its offices in Vienna, Austria, EU.

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About IMAP:

IMAP is an exclusive global organization of leading merger and acquisition advisory firms. Formed in 1973, IMAP is composed of 56 firms with 100 offices in 35 countries throughout North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia and Asia. IMAP transaction advisors completed 254 transactions in 2007 with an aggregate transaction value of \$9.95 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 via the Internet at www.imap.com

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