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WITT MARES PARTNERS APPOINTED TO NATIONAL ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Witt Mares, PLC is pleased to announce that seven of the firm's associates have been selected to serve on PKF North American Network's industry committees for 2009.

Craig Ascari, a partner in the firm's Richmond office and managing director of Witt Mares Strategic Advisors, has been appointed to the Corporate Finance Task Force. Ascari has more than twenty years of investment banking and corporate development experience and handles activities ranging from strategic planning to financial advisory and investment banking services.

Thomas R. Brooks, CPA, a partner in the firm's Newport News office, has been reappointed to the Accounting & Auditing Committee. Brooks has over 33 years of public accounting experience and assists a diverse client base ranging from publicly traded companies to sole proprietorships.

Michael S. Haigh, J.D., LL.M., CPA, a partner in the firm's Newport News office, has been reappointed to the Tax Committee. Haigh has more than 25 years of experience and is the firm's Director of Tax where he is responsible for the overall development and direction of all aspects related to the firm's tax practice.

Maria B. Marston, CPA, a partner in the firm's Newport News office, has been reappointed to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Construction Contractors Committee. Marston, who is head of the firm's Construction Industry Team, has been in public accounting for more than 17 years and specializes in providing accounting, tax, and consulting services to contractors.

James V. Poti, CPA, a partner in the firm's Richmond office, has been reappointed to serve as Vice Chairman of the Public Companies Task Force. Poti has more than 31 years of public accounting experience and specializes in performing audits and other assurance services for employee benefit plans, financial institutions, contractors and retail businesses.

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Kevin Reilly, J.D., CPA, a partner in the firm's Fairfax office, has been reappointed to serve the Hospitality Task Force. As a recognized authority on issues related to the club industry, Reilly serves as Director of Club Services for PKF North America Network and is an accomplished author on articles related to club accounting and operations.

Alan S. Witt, CPA and Chief Executive Officer, has been reappointed to serve on the Firm Management Committee. Witt works out of the firm's Newport News office and has over 31 years of public accounting experience. In addition to his executive responsibilities, he represents clients in various industries and professional service fields, including high-tech manufacturers, contractors, healthcare professionals and nonprofit organizations.

Committee and taskforce members provide leadership and guidance, offering recommendations to the PKF North American Network's staff and Board of Directors. In addition, their input assists with the development of programs and services for all member firms. Participating on nationally recognized industry committees enhances the firm's ability to apply proprietary knowledge and resources, such as benchmarking data and best practices, to improve clients' operations and profitability.

PKF North American Network, is an association of 88 independently owned public accounting firms who share educational, client service, technical and marketing resources and expertise. Members have a similar relationship with more than 170 additional firms around the world through their affiliation with PKF International, Ltd. Together, member firms are able to offer superior service to individual and corporate clients representing a full range of industries with a diversity interests and business needs.

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