

## For Immediate Release

### JAMES V. POTI, CPA, APPOINTED VICE-CHAIR OF PUBLIC COMPANIES TASK FORCE

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – James V. Poti, CPA, a member of the accounting and financial services firm of Witt Mares, PLC has been selected to serve as vice-chair of PKF North American Network's Public Companies Task Force for 2006.

Poti has been involved with employee benefit plan audits since the requirement was established by ERISA in 1974. In 2002 he joined Witt Mares, where he serves as the firm's independence officer. Poti is a member of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSPCA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). He is instrumental in managing the firm's membership in the AICPA's Center for Public Company Audit Firms and its Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center. Virginia Business Magazine named Poti a Super CPA in 2003 for Assurance Services and in 2005 for Employee Benefit Plans. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech.

#### About PKF North American Network

PKF North American Network is a membership association comprised of 92 independent accounting and consulting firms in North America that are dedicated to serving middle-market businesses and individual clients. Thanks to an affiliation with PFK International Ltd., members of the association also have access to professionals at about 160 additional firms around the world, which empowers them to provide seamless services to clients with business dealings and other interest abroad.

PKF's Public Companies Task Force is made up of leaders in the field, with proven track records providing service and solutions to a range of clients. They are appointed based on their depth of knowledge and experience.

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