

NEAR EARTH LLC TAPS DAN RAMSDEN FOR BANKING EFFORT, PROMOTES JOHN STONE TO PARTNER AND ADDS PROMISING JUNIOR BANKERS

October 4, 2005 (New Canaan, CT; New York, NY; Culver City, CA); Near Earth LLC, a boutique investment bank focused on the satellite, media and telecommunication industries (www.nearearthllc.com), announced **Dan Ramsden** as the latest senior industry professional to join the firm as it seeks to build its growth-oriented investment banking practice. Near Earth CEO, Hoyt Davidson stated, "Dan was a highly regarded media and telecommunication banker at Harris Nesbitt and Bentley Securities and brings a wealth of finance experience including a deep credit background and extensive contacts in the venture capital community to our team. We are delighted he has joined us."

Immediately prior to joining Near Earth, Mr. Ramsden was a managing director at Bentley Associates where he was involved in sourcing, banking and distribution of private placements for telecom and media companies as well as handling M&A transactions. From 1990 to 2002, he worked as a senior banker at Harris Nesbitt and predecessor organizations including Bank of Montreal. Mr. Ramsden earned his MBA from Fordham's Graduate School of Business Administration, where he graduated 2nd in his class of over 500, and he holds a BA degree in English from Cornell University.

Near Earth is also pleased to announce that it has promoted **John Stone** from Director to Partner. Mr. Stone joined Near Earth LLC in November 2004 after a distinguished career as a sell-side equity research analyst and satellite engineer. He holds an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management, a Masters in Astronomy from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Rochester.

Separately, Near Earth also announced the addition of two promising junior staff members to its team:

- **Kuniyuki "Kuni" Takahashi**, a recent graduate of the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business MBA program, has joined Near Earth as an investment banking associate. Kuni has extensive experience in the satellite and telecommunications industries, including working at Intelsat, Space Systems/Loral and Yegwa Communications. He also holds a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University.
- **Terence Mukupe** is a 2nd year MBA student at NYU. He will be working at Near Earth as an Associate Intern. Mr. Mukupe has previously worked at Banc of America Securities and was a structuring and derivatives trader at African Banking Corporation. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Applied Mathematics from the National University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe where he graduated with top honors.

Near Earth President, J. Armand Musey, stated, "We are very pleased that Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Mukupe will be joining us. We believe their efforts will be very useful in serving our clients and helping us to grow our business."

About Near Earth LLC:

Near Earth LLC is an NASD registered broker dealer focused on Satellite, Media and Telecommunications industries. It is involved in a range of financial activities including Private Placements, Mergers and Acquisitions, Credit Advisory, Valuations and Fairness Opinions, Strategic and Financial Consulting and Expert Witness Testimony.

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