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INDEPENDENT RESEARCH TAKES CENTER STAGE

The Sixth Annual Independents' Day Conference will take place on Tuesday April 6, 2010 at Bloomberg Headquarters in New York. The conference is the premier event of the Investorside Research Association which represents more than 80 independent research providers. According to Pat Shea, Executive Director of Investorside, "We are delighted to be able to bring many of the top Independent Research Providers together in one place. It is a great opportunity to learn about the ever expanding number of firms, the scope of the research and the specializations they provide."

The conference will feature an impressive line up of more than 20 presenters and speakers. Featured speakers include opening remarks by Tom Secunda, Founding Partner of Bloomberg, Morris Offit and Todd Petzel of Offit Capital discussing the current state of research and asset management, Les Alperstien, Head of Washington Analysis providing insight into the political landscape and Prakesh Mehta of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld LLP, speaking on trends and opportunities for hedge funds and private equity funds.

There will be 3 breakout sessions featuring case studies on award winning research and the methodologies used. Marc Seigel of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and Jeremy Perler, Director of Research of Riskmetrics Group - CFRA will make a presentation on today's most relevant accounting topics followed by a panel discussion on Issuer Retaliation and other threats to independent research.

The conference, which draws a large number of participants each year, is sponsored by Bloomberg and the New York Society of Security Analysts and promises to be topical and informative.

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