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Group of five attorneys join in Fort Lauderdale

(Fort Lauderdale, Fla., July 1, 2008) - The law firm of Roetzel & Andress LPA is pleased to announce that four partners, Charles B. Pearlman, Joel D. Mayersohn, Clint Gage, and Brian Andrew Pearlman, and one associate, Myra P. Mahoney, have joined the firm today. With more than 25 years of experience and knowledge of the South Florida market, all five attorneys practice in the areas of securities, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate law, and were formerly with Arnstein & Lehr, in Fort Lauderdale. Their addition in Fort Lauderdale complements the firm's Florida presence in Naples, Fort Myers, Orlando and Tallahassee, in addition to six office locations in Ohio and Washington, D.C.

"Expansion into the Fort Lauderdale market is the next step in our firm's growth strategy to better serve the needs of our clients statewide and to establish our presence on Florida's east coast," said Timothy J. Ochsenhirt, Chairman and CEO of Roetzel & Andress. "Fort Lauderdale serves as a gateway to many industries and companies that match our strengths, and it was our next target region following our Orlando office opening in 2006."

"We are excited to have these high-profile attorneys join our Roetzel & Andress team," says Michael S. Yashko, Fort Lauderdale Office Managing Partner. "The synergies created by their corporate, securities and M&A experience with our firm's current capabilities and client base are tremendous. We are planning to aggressively grow this office and are looking to attract attorneys in other practices, too, particularly commercial litigation, intellectual property, finance and commercial real estate transactional practices, land use, tax, and wealth transfer and succession planning. Our goal is to have 20 attorneys in Fort Lauderdale in the next 18 to 24 months, and we're looking for hardworking, self-disciplined attorneys who have an entrepreneurial spirit. The fact that we have managed to combine our firm infrastructure with a culture of collegiality and collaboration makes us a very attractive firm to those types of lawyers."

Charles Pearlman has practiced law for more than 30 years and has extensive experience in the areas of corporate and securities law. His experience includes representation of acquisition of broker/dealers, private placements and syndications, registration statements, reverse acquisitions and venture capital. Mr. Pearlman earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

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Joel Mayersohn focuses his practice in the areas of corporate, securities and business law. He advises a diversified client base in private placements, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions and general securities, and corporate law matters. Mr. Mayersohn also has experience in venture capital, going private transactions, bridge loans and pipe financings. He earned his J.D. from State University of New York at Buffalo.

Clint Gage practices in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, corporate finance and general corporate counseling. Mr. Gage has represented publicly and privately owned corporations in connection with mergers, stock sales, stock acquisitions, asset sales and asset acquisitions. He has also represented clients in connection with public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities, periodic reporting, corporate governance and related matters. Mr. Gage also has experience in representing corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships in a wide variety of business matters including pre-organizational planning, ownership issues, incorporation/organization, contract negotiations, debt collection, dissolution and related matters. Mr. Gage earned his J.D. from Wayne State University.

Brian Pearlman focuses his practice in the areas of corporate, securities and business law. He advises a diversified client base in private placements, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions and general securities, and corporate law matters. Mr. Pearlman earned his J.D. from the University of Florida.

Myra Mahoney practices in the areas of business law, general corporate and securities. She works with public and private companies in the areas of commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate law. Ms. Mahoney's securities practice focuses on public and private offerings, federal and state securities, broker/dealer matters and regulatory and compliance matters. Ms. Mahoney earned her J.D. from the University of Miami.

Founded in 1876, Roetzel & Andress is a full service business law firm with 11 offices throughout Ohio, Florida, and Washington, D.C. The firm has more than 240 attorneys who provide comprehensive, integrated legal counsel in more than 40 different areas of law, and practice both nationally and internationally. For more information about Roetzel & Andress, please visit the firm's website at www.ralaw.com.

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