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Richard J. Ward, Jr. has been selected to participate in a panel discussion at the M&A Source Conference on November 19, 2008 in Louisville, KY

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Everingham & Kerr (“E&K”) is pleased to announce that Rick Ward has been selected to participate in a panel discussion at the M&A Source Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on November 19, 2008. The presentation is entitled *Sold to the Highest Bidder* and will deal with the pros and cons of the auction process from the perspective of the M&A advisor, company owners and private equity investors.

The M&A Source is the world's largest international organization of experienced, dedicated merger and acquisition intermediaries representing the middle market. The Source provides continuing education and other resources to its members. Members can achieve multiple levels of certification upon completion of extensive courses, independent verification of success in their field and passing required exams.

Mr. Ward joined E&K in 2002. He is a Certified Business Intermediary (CBI) as well as a Merger and Acquisition Master Intermediary (M&AMI). Prior to joining E&K, he had his own M&A and Management Consulting businesses. In addition, Mr. Ward has been President/CEO of four companies, both in the private and public sectors. The revenues of these firms have ranged from \$20 million to over \$400 million. Most of the businesses were international in scope and his career involved transactions and relationships throughout the world. In his position of leading these firms, he was involved in many acquisitions and divestitures. He has substantial experience in all phases of the manufacturing arena and in particular, he has extensive background in the Chemicals and Plastics Industries. Mr. Ward formerly served as the President of the Pennsylvania Business Brokers Association (PPBA). He is also currently involved in many philanthropic organizations and several networking/leadership groups. He graduated from Penn State University and the Executive Management Program at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

For more information on this conference, please contact Richard J. Ward, Jr. at rjw@everkerr.com or 856.546.6655 x117

About Everingham & Kerr, Inc.

Everingham & Kerr is a merger and acquisition advisory firm that specializes in providing intermediary services for lower middle market companies and entrepreneurs. The firm assists clients across all industries and offers various services including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, valuations, exit planning and transaction consulting. The firm's client base has included public and private corporations, investor groups, individual entrepreneurs, management buyout groups and family buyout participants. Everingham & Kerr's focus is on providing lower middle market companies with highly professional services typically available only from large investment banks servicing much larger clients. The firm provides the resources and highly experienced personnel necessary to ensure maximum results produced efficiently and confidentially.

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