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Raptor Partners Expands Its Merger & Acquisition Advisory Practice Through Combination With Ventura Group

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, June 17, 2010 – Raptor Partners LLC, an investment banking firm active in the global merger, acquisition and capital markets, announced today the combination of the Pittsburgh-based Ventura Group LLC into Raptor Partners effective immediately. Ventura Group was founded in April, 1999 by Robert J. Ventura after a distinguished 15 year tenure with Rockwell International Corporation where he headed the Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis department and served as a Corporate Development executive. Bob Ventura will join Raptor Partners as a Managing Director.

Mr. Craig A. Wolfanger, Raptor Partners Founder and President, said, “We are extremely pleased to add the strength, expertise and talent of the Ventura Group to our firm. The extensive senior-level transactional background that Bob brings from his investment banking and corporate development experiences will provide a multi-faceted perspective to our corporate clients as they structure and execute mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and financings. Together with our Raptor Partners deep capital markets transactional experience, our firm will have been involved in nearly 500 transactions aggregating nearly \$35 billion in value over the last thirty years.”

“In M&A parlance, this represents a transformational transaction for our firm” said Bob Ventura, Principal of Ventura Group LLC. “It is a great opportunity to join Raptor Partners, which I have long considered to be the premier investment bank in the region. We will now be able to bring Raptor Partners’ greater resources, industry expertise – healthcare, software, technology, specialty manufacturing, business services, consumer goods and services among others – and exceptional talent to bear for our clients and prospective clients. Our breadth of corporate level deal experience, including the perspective of a Fortune 50 corporate development executive, investment banker and board member in industries such as transportation, manufacturing, distribution, aerospace and defense, will add senior level capability to the Raptor investment banking team.”

Raptor Partners is an investment banking firm headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Over nearly thirty years, Raptor Partners’ investment banking team has provided trusted, independent, conflict-free financial counsel and advice to publicly-traded and privately-held corporations’ executive management teams and their Boards of Directors. Raptor’s financial advisory services include merger and acquisition advisory, divestures, valuations, fairness opinions, strategic alternatives, debt and equity private placement and corporate governance advisory.

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