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Lex Mundi Admits Deacons as its Member Firm for Hong Kong

(Houston, July 15, 2008) – Lex Mundi's Board of Directors has voted to admit Deacons as its exclusive member firm for Hong Kong. With the addition of Deacons, Lex Mundi further strengthens its presence in the Asia Pacific region.

Established in 1851, Deacons is Hong Kong's oldest law firm and one of the most respected firms in the region. With over 250 fee earners, Deacons is the largest independent, non-aligned law firm in Hong Kong. Building on its long history and extensive experience in the region, Deacons has gained a strong reputation and has been frequently recognized through an impressive list of awards as the leading, independent Hong Kong firm.

The firm provides an extensive range of legal and commercial services to both local and international corporations. Its principal areas of service include banking and finance, communications and technology, company formation and corporate services, construction and arbitration, corporate finance and capital markets, entertainment and media, financial services, human resources and pensions, insolvency and restructuring, insurance, intellectual property, litigation, mergers and acquisitions and commercial, private equity and venture capital, and property.

Lilian Chiang, Deacons' Senior Partner, said, "We are very pleased that our firm has been admitted as a member of Lex Mundi. Membership in this global organization will enhance our ability to serve our clients' growing international needs."

Carl Anduri, President of Lex Mundi, commented, "We are very pleased to have Deacons join Lex Mundi. The firm's distinguished history and reputation for outstanding client service make it a strong addition to our network of top-tier, independent law firms. As our newest Asia Pacific member firm, it complements our already exceptional group of member firms in the region. We look forward to the contributions that Deacons will make to our association."

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