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Lex Mundi Admits Koep & Partners as its Member Firm for Namibia

(Houston, November 12, 2008) – Lex Mundi's Board of Directors has voted to admit Koep & Partners as its exclusive member firm for Namibia. With the addition of Koep & Partners, Lex Mundi further strengthens its presence in Africa.

Established in 1982, Koep & Partners is a leading, full-service law firm located in Windhoek. Its six partners represent some of Namibia's largest corporations and organizations, including major mining companies, financial institutions, oil companies and heavy industry interests.

Its founding partner, Peter Koep, is one of Namibia's most respected lawyers. Mr. Koep assisted in drafting the rules for the Namibian Stock Exchange and has served as the Chairman of the Namibian Stock Exchange since 2004. He is a past member of the President's Advisory Committee on Economic Affairs.

Koep & Partners has a wide array of areas of practice and expertise including corporate law; banking and finance; litigation, mediation and arbitration; labor and employment law; construction; constitutional law; contracts; competition law; conveyancing; energy law; immigration law; intellectual property law; insolvency law; insurance; marine and maritime law; mining law; property law and development; trademarks and patents; aviation and transportation; administration of estates and wills; and trusts.

Peter Koep said, "We are pleased that our firm has been admitted as a member of Lex Mundi. Access to Lex Mundi's resources – including its professional development services and its global network of independent law firms – will enhance our firm's ability to serve our clients."

Carl Anduri, President of Lex Mundi, commented, "We are very fortunate to have Koep & Partners join Lex Mundi. With the addition of Koep & Partners, Lex Mundi adds to its already exceptional group of member firms in the region. We look forward to the contributions that Koep & Partners will make to our association."

Lex Mundi is the world's leading association of independent law firms. The association has more than 160 member firms around the world, representing approximately 21,000 lawyers. Membership in Lex Mundi provides member firms with a trusted network of law firms that share similar values and a similar focus on quality through which they can access global legal resources that enable them to serve their clients better and to improve continuously all aspects of their firms. Member law firms are located throughout North America, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. Through its nonprofit affiliate, the Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation, Lex Mundi member firms provide pro bono legal assistance to social entrepreneurs around the globe. For more information, please visit <http://www.lexmundi.com>.

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