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Michael Alfant Elected as 52nd President of The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan

November 30, 2010— Michael Alfant was elected by the members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) to serve as the Chamber's 52nd President. Alfant begins his tenure on January 1, 2011.

"I am truly honored to be elected President of the ACCJ. I will work diligently to execute the Chamber's mission to *further the development of commerce between the United States of America and Japan, promote the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improve the international business environment in Japan,*" said Alfant.

As President, Alfant will focus on entrepreneurship, advocacy and membership.

"I believe that the volunteer members of the ACCJ have, over the Chamber's 63-year history, built a powerful and influential organization. The opportunities the Chamber creates for its members to network, exchange information and advocate have made it one of the premier international business organizations in Japan. I look forward to working with members and the broader community to create an even more dynamic and vibrant business environment in Japan," said Alfant.

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Michael Alfant is Group President and CEO of Fusions Systems Co., Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo, with offices in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore. Alfant graduated from the City University of NY with a BS in Computer Science. He started Fusion Systems Japan, an IT solutions company, in 1992. After seven years, he led the company to a successful \$60m acquisition by IMRglobal Corporation (NASDAQ: IMRS). Alfant is a frequent speaker at US and Japanese universities, and a member of the board of directors of listed firms in both countries. While involved in a wide range of technology issues, Alfant focuses on making key emerging technologies accessible to business people. Prior to Fusion Systems Japan, Alfant worked in various technology roles at AT&T Bell Labs, Bankers Trust, UBS, Security Pacific, Citibank, EF Hutton, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The ACCJ membership also elected a Treasurer, Vice Presidents and Governors to serve on the 2011 ACCJ Board of Governors. The elected leaders are:

The incumbent Treasurer is Nasir Majid, Partner, International Assignment Solutions, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Elected as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Laurence W. Bates, General Counsel, GE Japan; Director, International Law & Policy, GE Asia-Pacific
- Vicki Beyer, Executive Director, Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley
- Jim Weisser, President, PBXL Inc.

They join incumbent Tokyo Vice Presidents:

- Andrew J. Conrad, Senior Vice President & Counsel, Aflac International, Inc.
- James Foster, Director, Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Japan

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- Nicolas Benes, Representative Director, The Board Director Training Institute of Japan*
- Barry Bergmann, Director Sales-Japan, United Airlines, Inc.
- Darren McKellin, Senior Global Account Manager, Verizon Business
- Eric Sedlak, Partner, Registered Foreign Attorney, Jones Day*
- Yoshitaka Sugihara, Manager, Corporate and Government Affairs, Intel K.K. ("Intel Japan")
- Mitsuyo Teramura, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Federal Express Corporation*

*Re-elected

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- Jeffrey S. Bernier, Managing Director, Pacific Sales and Affairs, Delta Airlines, Inc.
- David E. Case, Partner, Registered Foreign Attorney, White & Case LLP
- Tad Johnson, General Manager, P&W Aftermarket Japan KK
- John Kakinuki, Executive Officer, General Counsel and Head of Legal and Compliance, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company
- Kumi Sato, President, Cosmo
- Ira Wolf, Japan Representative, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Elected to serve as Chubu Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Christopher Zarodkiewicz, President, Cezars International K.K./Interlink Relocations*
- Governor: Jason Morgan, President, TMG International Y.K.
- Treasurer: Maki Mizuhara, Director, Wall Street Associates

*Re-elected

Incumbent Kansai Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Jiri Mestecky, Partner, Registered Foreign Attorney, Kitahama Partners
- Governor: Alfonso G. Zulueta, President and General Manager, Eli Lily Japan K.K.
- Treasurer: Richard Carlow, Division Manager, Osaka Office, Robert Half Japan Ltd.

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About ACCJ

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies and has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, currently the ACCJ has members representing 1,000 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan, business organizations, and others, the ACCJ promotes activities that help achieve its mission of further developing commerce between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan. Over 60 committees representing various industries play the ACCJ's central role in making policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as the Business White Paper and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable events and other CSR activities.

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