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AVONDALE PARTNERS ADDS THREE PROFESSIONALS TO INVESTMENT BANKING GROUP

Investment Banking Group Experiences Sixth Year of Record Performance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (December 4, 2007) - Avondale Partners, LLC has added three professionals to its Nashville investment banking group, announced Jeff Nahley, senior managing partner and head of the investment banking group at Avondale Partners. Avondale is a national investment banking firm headquartered in Nashville.

Patricia King has joined the investment banking group as a vice president. Teddy Hillard and Brent Taylor have joined the investment banking group as analysts.

“We recently completed our 100th investment banking transaction and anticipate that 2007 will represent our sixth consecutive year of record performance in our investment banking group,” said Nahley. “We welcome Patricia, Teddy and Brent to the continued growth of the firm.”

King joined Avondale after serving as an investment banker at W. Y. Campbell & Company, a boutique investment banking firm headquartered in Detroit. While there, she focused on M&A sell side advisory services for industrial and automotive focused companies. Clients included private equity portfolio companies, privately held middle market companies, and Fortune 500 corporations. King began her career at General Motors Corporation in Detroit, where she served as a financial analyst for the GM Card©, GM’s partnership with Household Bank, as well as a marketing analyst for GM’s global market and industry analysis group. King holds an MBA and a Master of Science in finance from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business. She received her Bachelor of Science in management & economics from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. King and her husband have relocated from Detroit to Nashville.

Hillard joined the investment banking group in June 2007 after working in Avondale’s equity research department as an associate analyst. He graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

Taylor graduated in 2007 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. While at Wesleyan, he was a member of the economics honor society Omicron Delta Epsilon and a two-time John A. Decker scholar for commitment to academics.

Avondale Partners, LLC is a leading, full service institutional investment bank headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., with offices in Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, San Diego and San Francisco. The firm focuses on providing M&A advisory services, debt and equity underwriting, and private placements of bank debt, mezzanine finance and equity capital for its corporate finance clients. In addition, Avondale offers high-quality equity research and sales trading execution to institutional clients throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe as well as asset management. Since its inception in 2001, Avondale Partners has executed more than 100 investment banking transactions and assignments for its clients exceeding \$9.7 billion in total value. More information on Avondale Partners can be found at its web site, www.avondalepartnersllc.com.