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Schenck M&A Solutions Adds Managing Directors

MILWAUKEE, WI – Schenck M&A Solutions is pleased to announce that **Lou D. Banach** and **James J. Gettel, JD**, have recently joined the firm as **Managing Directors**. In their new roles, Banach and Gettel will build and expand upon Schenck's existing merger and acquisition practice, and will provide a full range of M&A-related services to clients.

Lou Banach comes to Schenck from Ridgestone Bank, based in Brookfield, where he served as Regional President, leading the consumer and commercial personnel and business lines. Prior to joining Ridgestone in 2006, Banach was Senior Vice President with LaSalle Bank responsible for new business development of enterprise value based loans to middle market companies throughout Wisconsin. He has twenty years of experience in business and financing of middle market businesses, including multiple M&A assignments. Banach holds an MBA from Penn State, and has been involved with the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MAACC) Fund, the Medical College of Wisconsin Advisory Board, Sheboygan Economic Club and EconomicsWisconsin.

Jim Gettel has extensive experience with business transactions, growth and development. Gettel most recently served as Executive Vice President of The Waterstone Group, two staffing agencies he co-founded and co-led, totaling over 1,000 employees and \$60 million in annual sales. Previously, Gettel had been a partner at a prominent Milwaukee law firm and gained ten years of transactional experience in acquisitions and commercial finance. He earned his JD from the University of Illinois College of Law and an MBA from the University of Illinois. Gettel



has worked as congregational development officer for The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, served as a church development consultant to dozens of churches, and helped to create and establish Our Next Generation, a non-profit organization through which over 300 volunteers serve more than 600 Milwaukee inner city students annually at five learning centers.

About Schenck M&A Solutions

Schenck M&A Solutions, part of Schenck Business Solutions, provides a full range of merger-and-acquisition-related services including business sales, acquisition searches, valuations, due diligence services, cultural compatibility analyses, corporate turnarounds and assistance with recaps/refinancing and post-merger integration. The firm serves as a financial advisor to clients throughout all stages of the process to ensure a successful result for all parties involved.

Schenck Business Solutions is a full-service regional CPA and consulting firm with over 500 employees serving clients from 9 locations in Wisconsin. Over the past ten years, Schenck has developed a reputation for providing top quality M&A services to privately-held, mid-market companies throughout the country. As one of the largest CPA firms in the U.S., Schenck provides a full range of services including accounting and auditing, tax planning and compliance, business consulting, information technology, payroll, retirement planning, and investment solutions for businesses, governments, non-profits, and individuals.

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