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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Effective October 2, 2007, Texas-based Locke Liddell & Sapp PLLC and Lord Bissell & Brook LLP, a national law firm headquartered in Chicago, have combined to form Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP – a true national law firm with 700 attorneys in 11 offices. This combination is the result of the strategic vision of each firm to be proactive in meeting its clients' demands in today's legal environment.

With offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento and Washington, D.C., both firms have expanded our reach and depth to better serve our clients across the country and internationally. Now, we truly have a nationwide platform of attorneys working strategically to handle all the needs of our clients.

Locke Liddell & Sapp and Lord Bissell & Brook both have long histories, rich heritages and stellar reputations for outstanding legal work and unparalleled client service. As Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, we form a powerful combination that is even stronger and more diverse. We are combining not just legal expertise, but also a business model that provides a strong and lasting footprint.

We share the same philosophies and cultures, and we are committed to excellence. We take pride in our work, we earn the trust of our clients and we have endless energy. With an expanded geographic scope and a national reputation in the insurance and reinsurance sectors, corporate arena and litigation, energy, REIT, real estate and IP fields, we are focused on working as a team to better serve our clients.

And this is just the beginning. Our momentum is growing. We plan to seize this opportunity, as well as others in the future, to stay competitive, viable and diverse. We will continue to be focused and creative and we commit to bring practical advice, legal know-how and dedicated service to our clients. Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell has the experience, size and presence to serve our clients as we move forward together. Our respective predecessor firms remain proud of what we have achieved in the past but we are most excited about what the future holds for our new firm and our clients.

Sincerely,



Jerry K. Clements, Chair  
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP