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**Winners Revealed for the
3rd Annual International M&A Summit & Awards Gala**

Top Deals and Professionals Honored Before Sell-Out Crowd

New York, October 13, 2011. The M&A Advisor announced the winners of the 2011 International M&A Awards to a vibrant audience on October 11 at the 3rd Annual International M&A Summit & Awards Gala at **The Cornell Club in New York City**. The event was hosted by MandA.TV, Business Anchor, Maribel Aber.

The International M&A Summit & Awards Gala honored deal teams, deal makers, and firms whose activities set the standard for the industry. This year, 28 winners were chosen from 230 finalists. An independent body of experts, representing the International M&A industry, judged the finalists' deals, deal makers and firms.

"The ever-increasing influence of international M&A on the global marketplace is truly fascinating," says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. "These awards were created to recognize the valuable contribution made by these transactions, firms and individuals."

To qualify, all the transactions involved a non US buyer or seller and were completed between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011.

In addition to recognizing the winners, the event honored Howard Morgan, Co-President, Castle Harlan and Andrew W. Rice, Sr. Vice President, International Business, The Jordan Company, who were the recipients of the International M&A Leadership Award.

A detailed list of all of the Award Winners for the 3rd Annual International M&A Awards is attached. For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com or contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.

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Winners of the 3rd Annual International M&A Summit and Awards Gala

I. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$1 Billion)

WINNER

- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
Garrigues
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Violy & Co
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$500 Million to \$1 Billion)

WINNER

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor
GCA Savvian Advisors LLC
Morrison & Foerster
ON Semiconductor
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$100 Million to \$500 Million)

WINNER

- Hostile takeover of Freeworld Coatings Limited ("Freeworld") (South Africa) by Kansai Paint Co., Ltd ("Kansai") (Japan)
Newman Lowther & Associates
Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys
Freeworld Coatings Ltd
Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.
Nomura International plc
Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.
Nortons Incorporated
Rand Merchant Bank
RBB Economics
Read Hope Phillips Thomas & Cadman Incorporated (RHP)

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Under \$100 Million)

WINNER

- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation
TM Capital Corp.
Clariant Corporation
Octagon Process LLC
Pepper Hamilton LLP
Winston & Strawn LLP

Financing Deal of the Year

WINNER

- Acquisition of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. by Promotora de Informaciones
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
Garrigues
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
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Tegris Advisors
Violy & Co
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

Turnaround Deal of the Year

WINNER

- Acquisition of Polestar by Sun European Partners
Houlihan Lokey
Consortium led by BlueBay Asset Management
Deloitte
Ernst & Young
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
GE Capital
Polestar
Sun European Partners

II. Sector Transaction of the Year Categories

Information Technology

WINNER

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor
GCA Savvian Advisors LLC
Morrison & Foerster
ON Semiconductor
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.

Healthcare/Life Sciences

WINNER

- Acquisition of Alcon by Novartis, Going Private of Alcon
Bär & Karrer AG
Alcon
Allen & Overy
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Homburger
Novartis International Inc.
Pestalozzi
Sullivan & Cromwell

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution

WINNER

- United Phosphorus Limited (Bloomberg-UNTP IN) acquired 50% stake in Sipcam Isagro Brazil

YES BANK LIMITED
GOG&P
Sipcam Isagro Brazil
United Phosphorus Limited

Financial Services

WINNER

- AIG's divestiture of consumer finance business in Argentina.

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel
AIG Consumer Finance Group, Inc.
Baker & McKenzie
Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A.
Tarjetas Regionales S.A.
Estudio Beccar Varela
UBS Securities LLC

Consumer and Retail Products and Services

WINNER

- Sale of New Zealand Poultry Enterprises Limited (more commonly known as "Tegel") to Ross Group Enterprises Limited (representing Funds advised by Affinity Equity Partners)

Pacific Equity Partners(PEP)
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Greenhill Caliburn & Morgan Stanley
LEK
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Ross Group Enterprises Limited
(representing funds advised by Affinity Equity Partners)
Russell McVeagh

Media, Entertainment and Telecom

WINNER

- Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch LLC and sale to Energia Overseas Limited

Buccino & Associates, Inc.
Alston & Bird LLP
Avicon Partnership
Energia Overseas Limited
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Salans, LLP
Sea Launch

Energy

WINNER

- GMR Group Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group

White & Case LLP
China Huaneng Group
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
GMR Group
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

WINNER

- Strategic Acquisition by Uranium One

BMO Capital Markets
ARMZ
Fasken Martineau
Goldman Sachs
Stikeman Elliott
Uranium One

III. Firm of the Year Categories

Investment Banking

WINNER

- Houlihan Lokey

Boutique Investment Banking

WINNER

- Sonenshine Partners LLC

Valuation Firm

WINNER

- Houlihan Lokey

Law Firm of the Year (Large Size)

WINNER

- Paul Hastings LLP

Law Firm of the Year (Mid-Sized)

WINNER

- A&L Goodbody

Accounting/Due Diligence Firm

WINNER

- Deloitte

IV. M&A Product/Service of the Year Category

WINNER

- Merrill DataSite

V. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$5 Billion)

- Acquisition of Alcon by Novartis, Going Private of Alcon
Bär & Karrer AG
Alcon
Allen & Overy
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Homburger
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M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion to \$5 Billion)

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M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$50 Million to \$100 Million)

- Representation of Pangea3 in its acquisition by Thomson Reuters.
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel
Desai & Diwanji
KPMG
Pangea3, Inc.
Thomson Reuters Corporation
William Blair & Company, LLC

M&A Deal of the Year (Under \$50 Million)

- Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) Marlin & Associates, LLC
S.W.I.F.T. SCRL

VI. Dealmaker of the Year Category

- Anthony Kerwick, Pacific Equity Partners(PEP)