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**SOLEIL SECURITIES NAMES DANTE FERRARIE HEAD OF EQUITY TRADING; CONTINUES BUILD OUT OF TRADING CAPABILITIES**

**New York – February 4, 2009** – Soleil Securities Corporation, a provider of value-added, independent equity research, sales, trading and execution services, announced today that industry veteran Dante Ferrarie has joined the firm as Managing Director and Head of Equity Trading.

Mr. Ferrarie joins Soleil with 20 years of experience in the institutional trading business. Most recently, Mr. Ferrarie was a Managing Director at LaBranche & Co. where he was responsible for helping build out the firm’s institutional sales trading business. Prior to that role, Mr. Ferrarie was head of U.S. Sales Trading at Merrill Lynch where he was responsible for all New York based sales trading operations. During his 8 years at Merrill Lynch, he played an integral role in the management and growth of Merrill’s electronic trading, prime brokerage and swap businesses. Before joining Merrill Lynch, Mr. Ferrarie served as the Head Trader for NASDAQ Trading at Deutsche Bank. Mr. Ferrarie began his career at Salomon Brothers where he spent 8 years as an equity trader. Mr. Ferrarie graduated with a BA in Finance and a minor in Economics from University of Delaware.

To complement Soleil’s highly rated research product and institutional sales team, the firm continues to expand its sales trading and execution capabilities to offer its clients a new level of service. Through this expansion, Soleil will combine investment idea generation with skilled trading professionals employing state of the art technology to help its clients meet their trading objectives. Soleil intends to hire additional trading personnel to further enhance this effort and the level of service it can provide.

“The capital markets are undergoing unprecedented change,” said Terry Gardner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Soleil. “More than ever, our clients are relying on Soleil to provide them with original ideas, high-touch sales and sales trading services, timely market intelligence and cutting edge execution capabilities.” He added, “The addition of Dante Ferrarie, and the team we are building around him, reinforces Soleil’s commitment to addressing our clients’ needs and being a market leader in the cash equities business.”

**About Soleil Securities**

Soleil Securities Corporation (a member of FINRA and SIPC) represents a new model for delivering fundamental and alternative research content and industry leading trading and execution services to the asset management community. Through an extensive network of providers, Soleil sources high quality, actionable research ideas and products. Soleil currently provides equity research on over 225 stocks produced by a network of 23 research analysts. The firm services its clients with experienced research sales and sales-trading professionals based in its New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Minneapolis offices. Additionally, Soleil offers its’ trading clients access to all major domestic

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