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INDUSTRY VETERAN CAROLE BERGER RETURNS TO SELL-SIDE RESEARCH, JOINS SOLEIL SECURITIES

New York – February 25, 2009 – Soleil Securities Corporation, a provider of value-added, independent equity research, sales, trading and execution services, announced today that industry veteran Carole Berger and her research firm, Luna Analytics LLC, have joined the Soleil platform to provide strategy research on the banking sector.

Ms. Berger’s Wall Street career spans nearly 35 years and her achievements as an analyst have been rewarded by every major Wall Street survey including Institutional Investor, Reuters and The Wall Street Journal. Prior to launching Luna Analytics in early 2009 and joining Soleil, Ms. Berger spent seven years at TIAA-CREF as the sector manager covering US commercial banks and brokerage firms and managed a financial services sector neutral portfolio of roughly \$500 million. Before joining TIAA-CREF in 1999, she ran her own hedge fund, Berger Jackson Financial Services Sector Fund LLP. Between 1994 and 1998, Ms. Berger was a Managing Director of Salomon Brothers where she led the domestic bank equity research group. Ms. Berger also worked at C.J. Lawrence for eight years as a securities analyst following the commercial banking and financial services industries and eventually became co-Director of Research and was elected to the firm’s Board of Directors. Prior to joining C.J. Lawrence, Ms. Berger spent 11 years as a bank and financial services analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. She has also served as a Director and Treasurer of the Bank and Financial Analysts Association and is an adviser to American ORT’s investment committee. Ms. Berger received her B.S. degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

“Soleil is thrilled to welcome Carole back to sell-side research,” said Terry Gardner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Soleil. “We believe it is a testament to our model that someone with Carol’s insight on the financial services industry has chosen our platform to leverage their work.” He added, “Carole’s macro focus combined with her historical knowledge of banking sector cycles will be invaluable to our clients as they navigate the current environment.”

About Soleil Securities

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