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SOLEIL SECURITIES HIRES FOUR FORMER MERRILL LYNCH SALES TRADERS

New York – March 31, 2009 – Soleil Securities Corporation, a provider of value-added, independent equity research, sales, trading and execution services, announced today the addition of four veteran institutional sales trading professionals. Joining Soleil in the New York office is: Kevin Kelly, Managing Director; Kevin Weir, Managing Director; and Scott Bowen, Director. Joining Soleil in the Boston office is Walter McDonough, Managing Director.

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 generate investment ideas combined with skilled trading professionals employing state of the art technology to help its clients meet their trading objectives.

Mr. Kelly's experience includes more than 22 years in the institutional brokerage business. Prior to joining Soleil, Mr. Kelly was Managing Director of Domestic Sales Trading at Merrill Lynch for 13 years. He began his career at Akroyd & Smithers, a London based market making firm and subsequently worked at Mayer & Schweitzer. Mr. Kelly received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University.

Mr. McDonough brings over 20 years of institutional trading and sales trading experience to Soleil. Prior to joining Soleil, Mr. McDonough served as Managing Director of Equity Sales Trading at Prudential Equity Group. Before that, he was Senior Vice President of Equity Trading at Merrill Lynch in Boston and also served in the same capacity for Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette in New York. Mr. McDonough graduated from Stonehill College.

Prior to joining Soleil, Mr. Weir was the Head of Trading at Standard General and was previously Director of Equity Sales Trading at Merrill Lynch. Mr. Weir has over 12 years of trading experience and began his career at the Cantor Fitzgerald High Yield Desk and subsequently joined Herzog Heine Geduld.

Mr. Bowen joins Soleil with over eight years of experience in the institutional trading business and previously worked on the Equity Sales Trading Desk of Merrill Lynch. Mr. Bowen obtained his CFA charter in 2007 and graduated from Fairfield University in 2001.

"More than ever, our clients are relying on Soleil to provide a combination of timely market intelligence, actionable ideas and cutting edge execution capabilities," said Dante Ferrarie, Soleil's Head of Equity Trading. "The addition of key industry professionals

reinforces Soleil's commitment to excellence in the art of understanding and distributing research in a way that adds value to our institutional clients at the point of execution."

About Soleil Securities

Soleil Securities Corporation (a member of FINRA and SIPC) is an institutional research, sales and trading firm that provides a wide array of services to the asset management community. Soleil provides equity research on over 225 stocks and also provides macro-economic and Washington policy research. The firm services its clients with over 45 experienced research sales and sales trading professionals located in its New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Minneapolis offices. Additionally, Soleil offers its trading clients access to all major domestic trading venues and liquidity pools. For further information, please visit our website at www.soleilgroup.com.

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