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HORNE LLP Hires David Stevens as State and Local Tax Director

RIDGELAND, Miss., January 20, 2011– HORNE LLP, one of the top 50 accounting and business advisory firms in the nation and the largest firm in Mississippi, announced today the hiring of David Stevens, CPA, as director of state and local tax services.

Stevens joined HORNE with more than 20 years of tax experience including his work as a former director of the Mississippi State Tax Commission's Sales Tax Division. He specializes in income and franchise tax, sales and use tax, business incentives and state credits, unclaimed property, and advocacy/controversy matters.

Stevens is a graduate of Mississippi College and is a Certified Public Accountant. He serves as the tax committee chairman for the Mississippi Manufacturers Association and is a member of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants and Crossgates Exchange Club. Stevens is a frequent speaker at seminars and education events on the topics of state and local taxation issues and planning.

HORNE is one of the top 50 accounting and business advisory firms in the country, as reported by both *Public Accounting Report (PAR)* and *INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA)*, and one of the top 10 accounting and business advisory firms in the Southeast. With offices in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, the firm serves clients across the nation. For more information on HORNE LLP, visit www.horne-llp.com.

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