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KAWG&F NAMES MARK R. CISELL NEW CEO AND ANNOUNCES NEW BRAND IDENTITY

Cissell succeeds co-founder Alvin D. Katz who plans to remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors and will continue to oversee firm operations

Baltimore, MD — Regional accounting and consulting firm Katz, Abosch, Windesheim, Gershman & Freedman, P.A. (KAWG&F), today announced it has named Mark R. Cissell, CPA, as Chief Executive Officer. Cissell succeeds Alvin D. Katz, CPA and Co-Founder of the firm, who will remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors and will continue to oversee firm operations. Cissell will begin the transition into his new role effective July 1, 2009. The firm also announced it will change its name to, KatzAbosch effective January 1, 2009, and introduce a new corporate logo.

Cissell, a Shareholder with the firm, becomes the third CEO in KatzAbosch's nearly 40-year history. Cissell joined the firm in 1985 and has over 20 years of experience in auditing, accounting, and taxation. He is a member of the firm's Board of Directors as well as the Medical Practice Services Group. Katz will continue to play a key strategic role with KatzAbosch moving forward.

"Since joining our firm, Mark has played an instrumental role in key business initiatives at KatzAbosch – from ensuring our firm provides the highest quality service to our clients, to focusing on business development to grow our firm, and most recently to providing strategic oversight on our re-branding initiatives," said Alvin D. Katz. "Mark's appointment as CEO is a significant step forward for our firm to next generation leadership and we are excited about the passion and commitment Mark brings to his new role as CEO."

Co-Founded in 1969 with John P. Abosch, Katz has grown the firm into one of the top regional accounting firms in the mid-Atlantic with offices in Timonium, Columbia and Bel Air with more than 100 employees and whose industry expertise includes specialization in construction and real estate, medical, health and life sciences, not-for-profit and government contracting services.

"For nearly four decades, Alvin Katz has led our firm as a forward-thinking, innovative and passionate CEO and I am very fortunate to have been provided with many amazing opportunities and experiences. Alvin's leadership and commitment to KatzAbosch are characteristics to be admired and ones I will carry over in my new role as CEO," said Mark R. Cissell. "I am excited to work with Alvin, and the entire KatzAbosch team, to continue to grow our firm, provide superior client services and move Alvin's vision forward."

"KatzAbosch is recognized throughout the mid-Atlantic region for our leadership, technical expertise and innovative business practices with a proven track record of providing responsive, accurate and reliable service to our clients. With Mark at the helm, KatzAbosch will continue to

grow as one of the top accounting firms in the region,” said John P. Abosch, Co-Founder and Shareholder. “Today’s announcement further highlights our continuing goal to reward talented and experienced professionals.”

The firm’s new logo, created by Nancy Kapp & Company, Inc., a full-service marketing and communications firm based in Baltimore, updates the existing typeface and eliminates the abbreviation of each partner’s name in favor of a more streamlined, effective and modern look.

“By simplifying our name and implementing a fresh, bold look, we are able to preserve the firm’s strong brand equity, while visually capturing the qualities of innovation, service, and leadership that are our company’s greatest strengths,” said Mark R. Cissell.

Cissell is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a member of several professional organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA); Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Steven Daniel Jeffrey’s Foundation, Board of Directors; Howard County Arts Council, Past Treasurer of the Board of Directors; Howard County Leadership, Class of 1997; Howard County YMCA, Board of Directors; and the Medical Group Management Association, National and Maryland Affiliations.

Cissell received a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Western New England College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

About KatzAbosch

Founded in 1969, KatzAbosch is headquartered in Timonium, Maryland and serves the mid-Atlantic region with additional offices in Columbia and Bel Air. KatzAbosch is ranked among the top 3 locally-based regional accounting firms by the *Baltimore Business Journal*. The firm provides tax and accounting services including cost segregation studies, business valuations, litigation support, forensic accounting, technology solutions, estate planning and administration and personal financial planning. A founding member of the Leading Edge Alliance, an international organization comprised of independently owned accounting and consulting firms, KatzAbosch provides clients with extensive industry experience and proactive solutions. As one of the top ten accounting firms in Maryland and one of the 125 largest accounting firms in the United States, the firm’s staff of 110 employs leading edge technology to deliver high quality service.

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