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KATZ ABOSCH NAMES MELISSA J. PITCHFORD TO SHAREHOLDER

Baltimore, MD — Regional accounting and consulting firm KatzAbosch, today announced it has named Melissa J. Pitchford, CPA, to Shareholder with the firm.

Pitchford joined the firm in 2002 and provides auditing, accounting, and taxation services. She serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Medical Practice Services Group working directly with medical practices and physicians throughout the state of Maryland and specializes in business advice and assistance to medical services institutions and providers, business advice and assistance to closely-held businesses, and tax planning and preparation.

"Since joining our firm, Melissa has been instrumental in leading our Medical Practice Services Group, along with John Abosch, and expanding our services to the medical community in Maryland," said Alvin D. Katz, President and CEO of KatzAbosch. "Melissa's new role as Shareholder continues our goal of rewarding highly-qualified, dedicated and experienced professionals."

"It's been a pleasure working with the talented team of KatzAbosch and I'm honored to be named a Shareholder with the firm," said Pitchford. "I look forward to continuing the growth and success of the firm's Medical Practice Services Group by delivering superior service to the medical community."

Pitchford 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); National Medical Group Management Association; Maryland Medical Group Management Association, *Board of Directors*, Affiliated Healthcare Advisors and the National CPA Health Care Advisors Association.

Pitchford received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Salisbury State University.

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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