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APPOINTS ALEX HAMILTON AS A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH GROUP

Irvine, Calif. – Feb. 11, 2010 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, headquartered in Irvine, Calif., announced today that it has expanded its Research Group with the addition of Alex Hamilton as Managing Director of its Research Group.

Hamilton has been recognized by The Wall Street Journal's "Best on the Street" analyst survey in 2009 and 2008 for stock picking within the Aerospace, Defense and Government [AD&G] sector. In addition, he is frequently quoted in the press and regularly appears on *Bloomberg*, *CNBC*, *Fox Business News* and other networks. His function at C. K. Cooper will be multifold, including his function as the senior analyst covering the Aerospace, Defense and Government sector and as the firm's director of research.

"The addition of Alex to our research team as Director of Research and Aerospace, Defense & Government Analyst is the ideal compliment to what we have been building over the past decade," said Alexander G. Montano, President of C. K. Cooper & Company. "We remain committed to this industry space and believe that adding Alex's industry knowledge and insightful research will not only enhance our capabilities in this industry but also the overall level of service we can provide our clients." Hamilton will be based out of C. K. Cooper & Company's newly established New York City office.

"Words fail to express my enthusiasm for joining C. K. Cooper; a firm that is growing and dynamic," said Hamilton. "I look forward to the challenges of bringing a strong research product to the next level and leveraging my research expertise with a firm committed to the AD&G space."

Prior to joining C. K. Cooper & Company, Hamilton was the Director of Research at Jesup & Lamont in New York City, where he also covered the Aerospace and Defense sector, which he has followed for over a decade. Hamilton's research experience began as a member of *Institutional Investor* – ranked teams at Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse. Additionally, he worked at boutiques, such as Advest, Benchmark Co and IRG. He earned his B.A. in Economics from Brandeis University and he is a member of the National Defense Industrial Association.

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