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JOEL MUSANTE, EQUITY ANALYST AT C. K. COOPER & COMPANY RANKED FIRST IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL'S MASTER STOCK PICKER

Irvine, Calif. – April 19, 2011 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank and financial services firm, headquartered in Irvine, Calif., is pleased to announce that its Senior Research Analyst, Joel Musante, received top recognition by the Wall Street Journal's 2011 "Best on the Street" survey. This marks the third time that an analyst at C. K. Cooper & Company has been named in this prestigious list of their peers and represents the second time a C. K. Cooper & Company analyst has ranked first in their industry sector. Mr. Musante was recognized for his stock-picking skill as:

#1 in the Oil & Gas Producers Sector

"We are very proud of Joel Musante and the recognition that he is in fact one of the best on the Street. We expect his insight into the exploration and production sector to continue to benefit our clients for years to come," commented Alexander G. Montano, President of C. K. Cooper & Company. "This award is a testament of the insightful research our team of analysts brings to our clients day in and day out and represents the second year in a row that an analyst at C. K. Cooper & Company has been recognized in this survey."

About C. K. Cooper & Company

C. K. Cooper & Company is a full-service investment bank headquartered in Irvine, California. The Company is focused on providing superior and insightful research coverage to its clients; innovative investment banking solutions supported by sales and trading services; and portfolio advisory and management services for private clients. Though C. K. Cooper & Company has been noted for a variety of measures of accomplishment, we chart our success by only one metric: The growth of our clients. For more about C. K. Cooper & Company, visit www.ckcooper.com.

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