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C. K. COOPER & COMPANY ANNOUNCES ANALYST SVEN DEL POZZO JOINS AS SENIOR ANALYST, OIL & GAS RESEARCH

Irvine, CA – (September 24, 2007) – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, announced today that Sven Del Pozzo has joined the firm as a Senior Analyst in the Oil & Gas Research Department. Mr. Del Pozzo joins C. K. Cooper & Company from John S. Herold, Inc. where he worked as an equity analyst covering a wide range of energy companies, including US and international E&P's as well as integrated oil companies, regulated and unregulated pipeline concerns and coal companies.

"We are very excited to have Sven join the firm. His analytical background will add another valuable piece to our expanding research team," said Alexander G. Montano, Managing Director. "We expect him to be instrumental in expanding our research universe and continuing our tradition of providing insightful research ideas to our institutional and retail client base."

"I am very excited to join the very talented staff at C. K. Cooper," said Mr. Del Pozzo. "This is a team that truly values and understands the role of fundamental analysis in stock selection. They know what makes companies succeed in this sector, and that is proven by their remarkable results over the years."

Mr. Del Pozzo holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Queen's University, Canada and a Master's in Management and Environmental Economics from Eni's Corporate University in Milan, Italy. He brings more than nine years of experience as an equity analyst covering E&P companies to C. K. Cooper and has been a CFA charterholder since 2003. Mr. Del Pozzo is a member of the New York Society of Security Analysts, and will work from the company's Irvine, CA headquarters.

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