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**DAHLMAN ROSE & CO. EXPANDS RESEARCH
COVERAGE INTO OILFIELD SERVICES SECTOR**

Appoints Darren Gacicia as Vice President in Equity Research

New York (February 17, 2010) - Dahlman Rose & Co., a leading investment bank specializing in the global natural resources supply chain, announced today that it has appointed Darren Gacicia as Vice President, Equity Research, effective immediately. In the new position, Mr. Gacicia will focus on the Oilfield Services sector.

"We are pleased to welcome Darren to Dahlman Rose as we continue to expand our comprehensive research capabilities for institutional investors," said Simon Rose, Chief Executive Officer of Dahlman Rose. "His extensive knowledge and strong relationships in the oilfield services, E&P and shipping sectors provide an ideal fit for our company. Darren's appointment complements our existing coverage in offshore drilling and oil transportation, and strengthens Dahlman's leadership position in its focus areas."

Mr. Gacicia, 34, was previously Vice President at Morgan Stanley, where he served on the Oilfield Services and Shipping team. During his tenure at Morgan Stanley, Mr. Gacicia led numerous research initiatives including in-depth studies and publications for the offshore drilling, oil services, and tanker shipping sectors as well as supply/demand analysis for the dry bulk shipping sector. Prior to that, he was a member of the Natural Gas & Utilities research team at UBS. Additionally, Mr. Gacicia worked in investment management for four years, most notably with Citigroup Asset Management, where he served as the lead analyst for the Energy and Utilities teams covering Russian, Latin American, and European oil companies.

"I am delighted by the opportunity to join Dahlman Rose," said Mr. Gacicia. "The firm's premier reputation in the global energy and commodity supply chain sectors provides exciting growth opportunities. I look forward to expanding Dahlman Rose's research coverage in the Oilfield Services sector and providing value-added insight to institutional clients."

Mr. Gacicia received his MBA from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business. He also received a BA in Government and Environmental Studies with a minor in Economics from Bowdoin College.

About Dahlman Rose & Co., LLC

Dahlman Rose & Company, LLC (MEMBER: FINRA/SIPC) is a research-driven investment bank focused on the exploration, recovery and movement of natural resources and refined products around the world. The bank's industry-leading analysts, advisors and traders offer unique insight into the markets and companies that provide building blocks for the global economy. The Dahlman Rose team specializes in verticals within the global natural resources supply chain, including marine transport and offshore services, exploration and production, oilfield services, metals and mining, coal mining, agriculture and chemicals, independent power producers, rail, trucking and air freight.

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