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DAHLMAN ROSE & CO. EXPANDS RESEARCH COVERAGE INTO AVIATION SECTOR

Appoints Helane Becker as Senior Vice President in Equity Research

New York (July 13, 2010) - Dahlman Rose & Co., a leading investment bank specializing in transportation and other global supply chain-related companies, announced today that it has appointed Helane Becker as Senior Vice President, Equity Research, effective immediately. In the new position, Ms. Becker will focus on the Air Freight, Passenger Aviation and Aircraft Leasing sectors.

"We are pleased to welcome Helane to Dahlman Rose as we continue to expand our comprehensive research capabilities for institutional investors," said Simon Rose, Chief Executive Officer of Dahlman Rose. "Her extensive knowledge and strong relationships in airlines, air freight and aircraft leasing provide an ideal fit for our company."

Mr. Rose added: "Dahlman Rose has grown dramatically since its inception, despite the challenging economic environment. Our research is an important pillar of this growth, and we are proud that Dahlman Rose's coverage universe has expanded to a broad range of verticals, as we continue to attract award-winning analysts dedicated to creating thoughtful and clearly differentiated research."

Ms. Becker has covered the aviation sector for more than 25 years at several Wall Street firms including Lehman Brothers, Smith Barney, and most recently, Jesup & Lamont. Her CV boasts numerous awards including recognition as one of the top-three airline analysts -- for nine consecutive years -- by *Institutional Investor*

Magazine and other professional citations by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Greenwich Research*, *StarMine* and other rating services.

"I am delighted by the opportunity to join Dahlman Rose," said Ms. Becker. "Its premier reputation as a research-driven, sector-focused firm provides exciting growth opportunities and an excellent platform to cover the dynamic aviation and aviation-related industries. I look forward to expanding Dahlman Rose's research coverage in the Aviation sector and providing value-added insight to institutional clients."

Ms. Becker is a past president of the *Society of Airline Analysts*, is a member of *Who's Who Among Women in Business* and was recently appointed to the US Department of Commerce's *Travel and Tourism Advisory Group*. She holds an MBA from New York University and graduated with a BA from Montclair State University.

About Dahlman Rose & Co., LLC

Dahlman Rose & Company, LLC (MEMBER: FINRA/SIPC) is a research-driven investment bank focused on transportation, infrastructure, and industries that compose the global supply chain. The firm's industry-leading analysts, bankers, and traders offer unique insight into the companies and markets that provide the building blocks of the global economy. Dahlman Rose's sector specialties include marine shipping, surface freight transportation, air transportation, petroleum exploration and production and related offshore and oilfield services, metals and mining, coal mining, agriculture and chemicals, and independent power producers.