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Philadelphia's Curtis Financial Group, LLC Expands with Opening of Pittsburgh Office

PHILADELPHIA, PA - March 26, 2007 -- Curtis Financial Group, LLC, a leading middle-market investment banking firm, announced today that it is establishing a regional office in downtown Pittsburgh in cooperation with its affiliate Parente Randolph, LLC. Steve Economou, Managing Director of Curtis Financial's Philadelphia office will oversee the firm's new Pittsburgh office.

"Curtis has built a strong practice throughout Pennsylvania and works on several Western Pennsylvania projects each year," Kevin J. Rudd, President of Curtis said. "Establishing a physical presence in Pittsburgh is a natural extension of our firm that will help us better serve our clients." Since being formed in 1994, Curtis Financial Group, LLC and its 12 professionals have assisted hundreds of middle market and emerging growth companies with selling their companies, mergers and acquisitions, raising capital and rendering fairness opinions. In 2006, Curtis was involved in 17 transactions with approximately \$400 million in transaction value.

Curtis Financial Group, LLC is an investment banking firm with offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh that advises middle market companies on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, raising capital, and provides fairness opinions, business valuations, and related corporate finance advisory services. The Curtis team of professionals has completed merger and acquisitions with over \$1.5 billion in transaction value, financing transactions of over \$1 billion, over 150 fairness opinions, and 1,500 valuations.

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