

MZ Group Acquires Assets of Ilios Partners, a Premier Shareholder Identification and Investor Targeting Firm

Group continues global acquisitions with further expansion in the North American market

Chicago and New York, February 15, 2011 -- MZ Group (www.groupmz.com), a multinational company and the world's largest independent investor relations consulting firm, providing one-stop-shop financial, corporate governance, applied technology and integrated corporate communications services, today announced that its subsidiary MZIIlios LLC (www.mzilios.com) has acquired substantially all of the assets of Ilios Partners LLC, a premier shareholder identification and investor targeting firm. In connection with this acquisition, Ilios Partners' research analysts and managers have joined MZIIlios and will help to serve over 500 clients globally, offering a premier collection of integrated corporate communication services, IR tools and technology, and award winning capital markets intelligence and shareholder analytics.

Enzo Villani, President of MZ North America and a member of MZ Group's Executive Committee, will serve as MZIIlios' Chief Executive Officer, and Nick Trikolos has joined MZIIlios as President and will serve as Managing Director of Capital Markets Intelligence for MZ Group.

"The global reach of MZ Group and MZIIlios' focus on being the best at providing dynamic shareholder ownership information and analysis make a unique and powerful combination for the North American market and beyond," commented Enzo Villani. MZIIlios will also continue serving clients via the award-winning irNavigator (www.irnavigator.com) software-as-a-service solution for IR professionals.

Rodolfo Zabisky, Chairman of MZ Group, said, "We are excited to combine MZIIlios' premier team in shareholder identification and stock surveillance with the reach of MZ Group, both in the U.S. and in emerging markets. MZ Group is the investor relations leader (consulting, services and technology) in Asia (including China's A-share market) and Latin America, and MZIIlios provides an important component to our unique one-stop-shop offering of stakeholder services and presents synergies for MZ Group's continued expansion in the North America market."

Nick Trikolos, MZIIlios' President, said, "MZ Group is a true multinational company and the largest independent investor relations consulting firm in the world, with superior products and services and a dominant market position in emerging markets. Its entrepreneurial environment, which is further enhanced by the capitalization from the private-equity firm JBVC in late 2009, makes for a great combination with our culture and provides a solid foundation for expanding our service offering in the U.S. market."

The acquisition was completed on February 7, 2011. Arnold & Porter LLP and Ernst & Young advised MZ Group on the transaction, and Steeplechase, LLC and Ungaretti & Harris LLP advised Ilios Partners on the transaction. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

About MZIIlios (www.mzilios.com): MZIIlios is a provider of capital markets intelligence and shareholder analytics. With a relentless focus on accurately identifying shareholders for publicly traded companies on a dynamic basis, MZIIlios quickly delivers to its clients detailed and accurate shareholder ownership information. MZIIlios combines a leading proprietary database developed for accurately tracking shareholder movements, a robust network of investor

contacts, seasoned research analysts with an average of 10 years of industry experience in navigating the nuances of shareholder identification, and an award winning database and CRM tool (irNavigator – www.irnavigator.com) that is fast and intuitive.

About MZ Group (www.groupmz.com): MZ Group is a multinational company and the world's largest independent investor relations consulting firm, providing one-stop-shop financial, corporate governance, applied technology and integrated corporate communications services. Established in 1999, MZ Group focuses on innovation and customized client service with its unique IR business model. With offices in New York, Chicago, São Paulo, Hong Kong, Beijing and Taipei, MZ Group currently has over 250 professionals serving more than 500 clients in 10 countries. MZ Group's services include: planning and implementing global investor relations programs, market intelligence and database, structuring companies for IPOs, IR applied technology, corporate governance practices, corporate communications and the exclusive Online General Meetings (www.onlinegeneralmeetings.com).

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