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2010 IR Global Rankings: Invitation for Investors and Analysts Vote for Companies with the Best IR Program and for the Best IR Officer

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 /PRNewswire/ -- MZ Consult NY (www.mz-ir.com), a leading global investor relations and financial communications firm, invites all market participants to vote on the Investors' Choice award (POP+) through December 16, 2009. You can register your vote via the website www.irglobalrankings.com. The 2010 IRGR, supported by KPMG, Arnold & Porter, The Bank of New York Mellon, Corporate Asia Network, Bloomberg, NEVIR and Sodali, is a unique and independent external review of any company's communication process with the capital markets.

For the 2010 edition, the Investors' Choice awards are for the categories of Best IR Program and Best IR Officer. This is the only award defined by direct vote. The Investors' Choice ranking complements the IR Global Ranking's technical evaluations and constitutes clear and direct feedback from the capital markets on the quality and effectiveness of investor relations efforts.

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0390); China Shenhua Energy (HKSE: 1088); China Steel Corporation (TWSE: 2002); China Techfaith Wireless Comm. Tech. Ltd (CNTF); China Telecom (CHA); China TravelSky Holding (HKG: 0696); China Unicom (HKSE: 0762.HK); China XD Plastics Company (OTCBB: CXDC); China XLX Fertiliser (SIN: B9R); Chinatrust Financial Holding Company (TWSE: 2891); Chroma Ate (TWSE: 2360); Chunghwa Picture Tubes (TWSE: 2475); Chunghwa Telecom (CHT); Cinda International Holdings (HKSE: 111); CipherLab Co. (TWSE: 6160); Cisco Systems (CSCO); CNinsure Inc (CISG); CNOOC Limited (CEO); Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company (ATHEX: EEEK.GA); Cognizant (CTSH); Colgate-Palmolive (CL); Collective Brands (PSS); Commerzbank AG (FSE: CBK.F); Compal Electronics (TWSE: 2324); Companhia de Gas de Sao Paulo - Comgas (BMF&BOVESPA: CGAS5); Compania de Minas Buenaventura (BVN); Construtora Tenda (BMF&BOVESPA: TEND3); Copasa (BMF&BOVESPA: CSMG3); Copel (ELP); Corporacion GEO (MXK: GEOB); Cosan (BMF&BOVESPA: CSAN3); COSCO International Holdings (HKSE: 00517); COSCO Pacific Limited (HKSE: 1199); Credit Suisse (SWX: CSGN); Cremer (BMF&BOVESPA: CREM3); Cresud (CRESY); Criteria CaixaCorp (MCE: CRI); Crucell (CRXL); DaChan Food (Asia) Limited (HKSE: 3999); Danske Bank (OMX: DDANSKE.CO); DASA (BMF&BOVESPA: DASA3); Datang International Power Generation Company (HKSE: 0991); Deere & Company (John Deere) (DE); Del Monte Foods Company (DLM); Delta Electronics (TWSE: 2308); Deutsche Telekom AG (DT); D-Link (TWSE: 2332); Dow (TYO: 5714); DSP Group Inc. (DSPG); Duff & Phelps (DUF); Dufry South America (BMF&BOVESPA: DUFB11); E.SUN Financial Holding (TWSE: 2884); Eckert & Ziegler AG (FSE: EUZ); Ecopetrol (EC); EDP - Energias de Portugal (PSI: EDP.PL); eFuture Information Technology (EFUT); Egyptian Transport & Commercial Services (CASE: ETRS.CA); E-House (China) Holdings (EJ); Embraer (ERJ); Enagas (MSE: ENAG.MC); Endesa Chile (EOC); Energisa S.A. (BMF&BOVESPA: ENGI); Enerplus Resources Fund (ERF); Enersis (ENI- US); Equatorial Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: EQTL3); Erste Group Bank (VSE: EBS); Esprit Holdings (HKSE: 330); Eternit (BMF&BOVESPA: ETER3); Eucatex (BMF&BOVESPA: EUCA4); ev3 Inc. (EVVV); Even Construtora e Incorporadora (BMF&BOVESPA: EVEN3); EVN (EVN); Evotec AG (FSE: EVT); Evraz Group (LSE: EVR); EZTEC Empreendimentos e Participacoes (BMF&BOVESPA: EZTC3); F. Hoffmann - La Roche (SIX: ROG VX); Far Eastern New Century Corporation (TWSE: 1402); Far Eastone Telecommunications (TWSE: 4904); Fedex (FDX); FelCor Lodging Trust (FCH); Fertilizantes Heringer (BMF&BOVESPA: FHER3); Fibria (BMF&BOVESPA: VCPA3); First Financial Holding (TWSE: 2892); Flextronics International (FLEX); Flytech Technology Co. (TWSE: 6206); Focus Media Holding (FMCN); Formosa Taffeta (TWSE: 1434); Fortis (OTC: FORB); Fosun International (HKSE: 00656); Fraport (FSE: FRA GR); Fresenius Medical Care (FSE: FME); Fubon Financial Holding (TWSE: 2881); Fushi Copperweld (FSIN); Fuwei Films (FFHL); Gafisa (GFA); Galp Energia (EURONEXT: GALP PL); Gap Inc. (GPS); Garanti Bank (ISE: GARAN); Gartner, Inc. (IT); GazpromNeft (MSE: SIBN); GCL-Poly Energy Holdings (HKSE: 3800); General Electric Company (GE); Georg Fischer (SIX: FI-N); Gerresheimer (FSE: GXI XE); Giant Interactive Group (GA); Giantplus Technology Corp. (TWSE: 8105); GigOptix (OTC: GGOX); Gilead Sciences (GILD); Gintech Energy Corporation (TWSE: 3514); Global Bio-chem Technology Group (HKSE: 0809); Global Sources (GSOL); Global Sweeteners Holdings (HKSE: 03889); Global Unichip Corp (TWSE: 3443); GlobalTrans (LSE: GLTR); GOL Linhas Aereas Inteligentes (GOL); Grontmij (EURONEXT: GRONT); Grupo Aeroportuario Del Centro Norte (OMAB); Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ASR); Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana (BVC: GIVSY); Grupo Santander (IBEX 35: SAN); GVT (BMF&BOVESPA: GVTT3); Halliburton (HAL); Hansen Transmissions International (LSE: HSN); Hengdeli Holdings (HKEX: 3389); Hercules Technology Growth Capital (HTGC); Hochtief (FSE: HOT); Homex (OTC: DHMXF.PK); Hospira (HSP); Houston Wire & Cable (HWCC); HSBC Holdings (LSE: HSBA); HTC Corporation (TWSE: 2498); Hua Nan Financial Holdings (TWSE: 2880); Hurray! Holding Co (HRAY); Hypermarchas (BMF&BOVESPA: HYPE3); Hysan Development Company (HKSE: HYSNY.PK); IAMGOLD Corporation (IAG); IBM (IBM); ICHIA Technologies (TWSE: 2402); Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers (BMF&BOVESPA: IGTA3); Imtech (AMS: IM); Indesit Company (MIL: IND.MI); Indra (IBEX 35: IDR.MC); Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (HKSE: 1398); Infosys Technologies (INFY); Innolux Display Corp. (TWSE: 3481); Integrys Energy Group (TEG); Intel (INTC); Internet Initiative (IJJI); Ipsen (PAR: IPN.PA); IRSA (IRS); JBS (BMF&BOVESPA: JBSS3); JSC Sitronics (LSE: SITR); K+S Aktiengesellschaft (FSE: SDF); KB Financial Group (KSE: 105560); KBC Group NV (EURONEXT: KBC); KGI Securities (TWSE: 6008); Kimberly-Clark de Mexico (BMV: KIMBERA); Kingsoft Corporation (HKSE: 03888); Koc Holding (ISE: KCHOL.IS); Konecranes (OTC: KNCRF.PK); KongZhong Corporation (KONG); Kotak Mahindra Bank (BSE: 500247); LAN Airlines (LFL); LDK Solar (LDK); Li Ning Company Limited (HKSE: 2331); Life Technologies (LIFE); Life Time Fitness (LTM); Lijun International Pharmaceutical (HKEX: 2005); Linktone Ltd. (LTON); Localiza Rent a Car (BMF&BOVESPA: RENT3); Logica (LSE: LOG); Longtop Financial Technologies (LFT); Lonza (SIX: LONN); Lukoil (LSE: LKOD); Lupatech (BMF&BOVESPA: LUPA3); Macronix International Co. (TWSE: 2337); Magnesita Refratarios (BMF&BOVESPA: MAGG3); Manulife Financial (MFC); Marfrig (BMF&BOVESPA: MRFG3); Marisa (BMF&BOVESPA: MARI3); Maywufa Co (TWSE: 1731); Medco Health Solutions (MHS); Metalfrio (BMF&BOVESPA: FRIO3); METRO (FSE: MEO); Micron Technology (MU); Microsoft (MSFT); Millennium (EURONEXT: MBC.LS); Mindray Medical International (MR); Mingyuan Medicare Development (HKG: 0233); Mobinil (CASE: EMOB); Moody's (MCO); MorphoSys (FSE: MOR); Motech Industries Co., Ltd. (TWSE: 6244); MRV Engenharia e Participacoes (BMF&BOVESPA: MRVE3); Nacional Financiera (MXK: NAFTRAC02); Nanya Technology Corporation (TWSE: 2408); National Bank Financial Group (TSX: NA); Natural Beauty Bio-Technology (HKSE: 0157); Nedbank Group (JSE: NED); Neste Oil (OTC: NTOIF.PK); Net Servicios (BMF&BOVESPA: NETC4); New Oriental Education & Tech. Group (EDU); New World Resources (LSE: NWR LN); Newmont Mining Corporation (NEM); Nexen (NXY); Nine Dragons Paper Holdings (HKSE: 2689); NKT Holding (CSE: DK 0010287663); Noah Education Holdings Ltd. (NED); Norsk Hydro (OSLO: NHY); Novartis (VIRT-X: NOV.N.V.); NRG Energy (NRG); Nucleus Software Exports (NSE: NUCLEUS); NWS Holdings Limited (HKSE: 0659); OC Oerlikon (SIX: OERL); Oce N.V. (OTC: OCENF.PK); OctoPlus (OCTO.AS); OHL Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: OHLB3); Outokumpu (OUT1V.HE); Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG); Owens-Illinois (O-I) (OI); Pacific Basin Shipping Limited (HKSE: 2343); Pampa Energia (BCBA: PAMP); Parana Banco (BMF&BOVESPA: PRBC4); Partner Communications (PTNR); PDG Realty (BMF&BOVESPA: PDGR3); Perfect World Co. (PWRD); Perrigo (PRGO); Petrobras - Petroleo Brasileiro (PBR); PetroChina (PTR); PhytoHealth Corporation (TWSE:

4108); Positivo Informatica (BMF&BOVESPA: POSI3); PotashCorp (POT); Powerchip Semiconductor (TWSE: 5346); PPG Industries (PPG); Procter & Gamble (PG); Profarma (BMF&BOVESPA: PFRM3); PT Excelcomindo Pratama (JAK: EXCL); PT Semen Gresik (Persero) (IDX: SMGR); PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia (IDX: TLKM); PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia, Tbk. (IBKR); PT. Indocement Tungal Prakarsa (IDX: INTP); Qiagen (QGEN); Randon (BMF&BOVESPA: RAP4); Randstad Holding (EURONEXT: RAND); RCG Holdings Limited (HKSE: 0802); Reliance Industries (NSE: RELIANCE.NS); ReneSola Ltd. (SOL); Renova Energia (None: None); Republic Services (RSG); Resverlogix Corp. (TSX: RVX); Richtek Technology Corp. (TWSE: 6286); Rieter Group (SIX: RIEN); Rossi Residencial (BMF&BOVESPA: RSID3); Royal Bank of Scotland (LSE: RBS.L); Royal Dutch Shell (LSE: RDSA); Royal Philips Electronics (PHG); RusHydro (LSE: HYDR); RWE (ETR: RWE); Ryder System (R); Sa Sa International Holdings (HKSE: 0178); Sabesp (BMF&BOVESPA: SBSP3); Safeway Inc. (SWY); Sampo Plc (SAMAS); SanDisk Corporation (SNDK); Sanofi-Aventis (EURONEXT: SAN); Santos Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: STBP11); Sao Carlos (BMF&BOVESPA: SCAR3); Sao Martinho (BMF&BOVESPA: SMT03); Sappi (JSE: SAP); Shanghai Industrial Holdings (HKSE: 0363); Shenzhen Expressway Company (HKSE: 0548); Shin Kong Financial Holding (TWSE: 2888); Shinsei Bank (TSE: 8303); Shire Pharmaceuticals Group (LSE: SHP.L); Shun Tak Holdings (HKSE: 242); Siliconware Precision Industries (TWSE: 2325); Sinovac Biotech Ltd. (ASE: SVA); Sistema Educacional Brasileiro (BMF&BOVESPA: SEBB11); Smartone Telecommunications (HKSE: 0315); SMIC (SMI); SNC-Lavalin (TSX: SNC); Sohu.com (SOHU); Solomon Systech Limited (HKSE: 2878); SouthPeak Interactive Corp. (OTC: SOPK); Southwestern Energy (SWN); Springs Global (BMF&BOVESPA: SGPS3); SRE Group (HKSE: 1207); St. Jude Medical (STJ); STMicroelectronics (STM); Stora Enso (OMX: STERV); Strabag (WBAG: STR); SuccessFactors, Inc. (SFSF); Sul America (BMF&BOVESPA: SULA11); Sun Pharmaceutical Industries (NSE: SUNPHARMA); Suntech Power Holdings Co. (STP); Suzano Papel e Celulose (BM&FBovespa: SUZB5); Swiss Life (SIX: SLHN); Syngenta International (SMI: SYNN VX); Taiwan Mobile Co. (TWSE: 3045); Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TWSE: 2330); Tata Motors (TTM); TAV Airports Holding (IST: AVHL); TD Bank Financial Group (TD); Teck Resources (TCK); Tecnisa (BMF&BOVESPA: TCSA3); TECO Electric & Machinery Co. (TWSE: 1504); Tele Norte Leste Participacoes (TNE); Telecom Egypt (EGX: ETEL.CA); Telefonica (TEF); Telefonica O2 Czech Republic (PSE: SPTT.PR); Telekom Austria (VSE: TKA); Telkom (JSE: TKG); Tellabs (TLAB); Telvent Git (TLVT); Temenos (SIX: TEMN); Tempur-Pedic International (TPX); Tenaris (TS); The Cooper Companies (COO); The United Laboratories International (HKSE: 03933); The9 Limited (NCTY); Thomson Reuters (TRI); ThyssenKrupp (FSE: TKA); TIM Participacoes (TSU); Time Warner Cable (TWC); Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp (HKSE: 0322); TMK (LSE: TMKS); TNT N.V. (TP); Topoint Technology Co. (TWSE: 8021); TOTAL (CAC: FP.PA); TOTVS (BMF&BOVESPA: TOTS3); Tractebel Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: TBLE3); Transcend Information (TWSE: 2451); Trend Micro (TSE: 4704); Trina Solar Limited (TSL); Tripod Technology Corporation (TWSE: 3044); Trisul (BMF&BOVESPA: TRIS3); Triunfo Participacoes (BMF&BOVESPA: TPIS3); Turk Telecom (ISE: TTKOM); Turkcell (TKC); UCB (EURONEXT: UCB-XB); Ultra Petroleum (UPL); Ultrapar Participacoes (UGP); Unipar - Uniao de Industrias Petroquimicas (BMF&BOVESPA: UNIP6); Unum Group (UNM); URS Corporation (URS); VanceInfo Technologies (VIT); Vanguard International Semiconductor (OTC: 5347); Vecima Networks (TSX: VCM); VeriSign (VRSN); Verizon (VZ); Vermilion Energy Trust (TSX: VET.UN); Vimpelcom (VIP); Cielo (BMF&BOVESPA: VNET3); Visanet (BMF&BOVESPA: VNET3); Vivo Participacoes (VIV); Volkswagen (FSE: VLKAY); Walgreens (WAG); Walmart de Mexico (BMV: WALMEXV); Walsin Lihwa Corporation (TWSE: 1605); Want Want China Holdings (HKSE: 00151); Ways Technical Corp (TWSE: 3508); Wendy's / Arby's (WEN); WestJet (TSX: WJA); Wienerberger (OTCBB: WBRBY); Wipro Limited (WIT); WNS Holdings (WNS); Wonder Auto Technology (WATG); WPG Holdings (TWSE: 3702); WPP (WPPGY); Xerox (XRX); Xinjiang Xinxin Mining Industry (HKSE: 3833); Yageo Corporation (TWSE: 2327); Yellow Pages Income Fund (TSX: YLO.UN); Yingli Green Energy Hold. Co. Ltd. (YGE); Yongye International (YONG); Yuanta Financial Holdings (TWSE: 2885.TW); Yucheng Technologies (YTEC); Yue Da Mining Holdings (HKSE: 629); Yum! Brands (YUM); Zurich Financial Services (SIX: ZURN); ZyXEL Communications Corporation (TWSE: 2391).

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