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The registration period for the IRGR 2010 will end this Friday, October 30!
Over 370 companies have already registered! Has yours?**

NEW YORK, October 28, 2009 /PRNewswire/ -- MZ Consult NY (www.mz-ir.com), a leading global investor relations and financial communications firm, announces that the registration period for the 12th annual edition of the IR Global Rankings and Awards ("IRGR") has entered its final days – deadline is this Friday, October 30, 2009. The 2010 IRGR, supported by KPMG, Arnold & Porter, The Bank of New York Mellon, Corporate Asia Network and Bloomberg is a unique and independent external review of any company's communication process with the capital markets.

TO PARTICIPATE, COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER. Please visit the website www.irglobalrankings.com, or type IRGR <GO> into the Bloomberg terminal. On the website homepage companies can review the 2010 IRGR Information Package with all the details on FREE and PAID rankings. The three main ranking categories are: (i) IR websites, (ii) corporate governance practices and (iii) financial disclosure procedures.

More than 370 companies from over 35 countries have already registered for the 2010 IR Global Rankings, among them (in alphabetical order): A8 Digital Music Holdings (HKSE: 0800); Abbott (NYSE: ABT); ABNote (BMF&BOVESPA: ABNB3); Acer Inc. (TWSE: 2353); Açúcar Guarani (BMF&BOVESPA: ACGU3); Adecco (SIX: ADEN); adidas (FSE: ADS); Aditya Birla Nuvo (NSE: ABIRLANUVVO); Advanced Semiconductor Engineering (NYSE: ASX); Advantech Co. (TWSE: 2395); AECOM (NYSE: ACM); Aegon (EURONEXT: AGN.AS); Air France-KLM (EURONEXT: AFLYY); Airmedia Group Inc (NASDAQ: AMCN); Akamai Technologies (NASDAQ: AKAM); AkzoNobel (EURONEXT: AKZA); Alibaba.com Limited (HKSE: 1688); ALL – América Latina Logística (BMF&BOVESPA: ALLL1); Alpha Networks Inc. (TWSE: 3380); AmBev (NYSE: ABV); American Water Works Company (NYSE: AWK); Amerigroup Corp. (NYSE: AGP); Amil Participações (BMF&BOVESPA: AMIL3); AMP (ASX: AMP.AX); AMR (NYSE: AMR); Anadolu Efes Biracilik ve Malt San (ISE: AEFES); ANZ (ASX: ANZ); Applied Materials (NASDAQ: AMAT); ARC Energy Trust (TSX: AET.UN); Arcadis (EURONEXT: ARCAD); Ardentec Corporation (TWSE: 3264); ARM Holdings (LSE: ARM); Asialfo Holdings (NASDAQ: ASIA); Asustek Computer (TWSE: 2357); AU Optronics Corp (TWSE: 2409); Aurobindo Pharma (NSE: AUOPHARMA); AVerMedia Technologies Inc. (TWSE: 2417); Banca MPS (FTSE: BMPS.MI); Banco BPI (EURONEXT: BBPI.LS); Banco Cruzeiro do Sul (BMF&BOVESPA: CZRS4); Banco Daycoval (BMF&BOVESPA: DAYC4); Banco Indusval (BMF&BOVESPA: IDVL4); Bank of Communications (HKSE: 03328); Bank of Montreal (NYSE: BMO); BASF (XETRA: BAS.DE); Baxter (NYSE: BAX); Bayer (XETRA: BAYN GY); BBVA (NYSE: BBV); Bekaert (EURONEXT: BEKB); Bematech (BMF&BOVESPA: BEMA3); Bezeq (TASE: BEZQ); BlueScope Steel (ASX: BSL); BP (LSE: BP); Brasil Brokers (BMF&BOVESPA: BBRK3); BrasilAgro (BMF&BOVESPA: AGRO3); Braskem (BMF&BOVESPA: BRKM5); BRF Brasil Foods (BMF&BOVESPA: PRGA3); Brightpoint, Inc (NASDAQ: CELL); Britvic PLC (LSE: BVIC); Brookfield Incorporações (BMF&BOVESPA: BISA3); Bursa Malaysia Berhad (MYX: BJURSA MK); Cameco Corporation (NYSE: CCJ); Canadian Natural Resources Limited (NYSE: CNQ); Caterpillar (NYSE: CAT); Cathay Financial Holding (TWSE: 2882); CCR (BMF&BOVESPA: CCRO3); Celanese Corporation (NYSE: CE); Celesio AG (FSE: CLS 100); Central European Media Enterprises (PSE: CETV); Cephas Holding (OTCBB: CEHC); Chang Hwa Commercial Bank (TWSE: 2801); Changyou.com Limited (NASDAQ: CYOU); Chesapeake Energy (NYSE: CHK); Cheung Kong Holdings (HKSE: 0001.hk); Chi Mei Optoelectronics (TWSE: 3009); China Agri-Industries (HKSE: 00606); China Airlines Ltd. (TWSE: 2610); China Automotive Systems (NASDAQ: CAAS); China BAK Battery (NASDAQ: CBAK); China Communications Services Corporation (HKSE: 0552); China Development Financial Holding (TWSE: 2883); China Green Agriculture (NASDAQ: CGA); China GrenTech Corporation Limited (NASDAQ: GRRF); China Medical Technologies (NASDAQ: CMED); China Motor Corporation (TWSE: 2204); China Nepstar Chain Drugstore (NYSE: NPJ); China Shenhua Energy (HKSE: 1088); China Steel Corporation (TWSE: 2002); China Telecom (NYSE: CHA); China Unicom (HKSE: 0762.HK); China XD Plastics Company (OTCBB: CXDC); Chinatrust



Financial Holding Company (TWSE: 2891); Chroma Ate (TWSE: 2360); Chunghwa Picture Tubes (TWSE: 2475); Chunghwa Telecom (NYSE: CHT); CipherLab Co. (TWSE: 6160); Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO); CNinsure Inc (NASDAQ: CISG); CNOOC Limited (NYSE: CEO); Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company (ATHEX: EEEK.GA); Cognizant (NASDAQ: CTSH); Colgate-Palmolive (NYSE: CL); Compal Electronics (TWSE: 2324); Companhia de Gás de São Paulo - Comgás (BMF&BOVESPA: CGAS5); Compañía de Minas Buenaventura (NYSE: BVN); Construtora Tenda (BMF&BOVESPA: TEND3); Copasa (BMF&BOVESPA: CSMG3); Corporación GEO (MXK: GEOB); Cosan (BMF&BOVESPA: CSAN3); COSCO Pacific Limited (HKSE: 1199); Credit Suisse (SWX: CSGN); Cremer (BMF&BOVESPA: CREM3); Danske Bank (OMX: DDANSKE.CO); DASA (BMF&BOVESPA: DASA3); Datang International Power Generation Company (HKSE: 0991); Deere & Company (John Deere) (NYSE: DE); Del Monte Foods Company (NYSE: DLM); Delta Electronics (TWSE: 2308); Deutsche Telekom AG (NYSE: DT); D-Link (TWSE: 2332); Dowa (Tokyo: DOWA); DSP Group Inc. (NASDAQ: DSPG); Duff & Phelps (NYSE: DUF); Ecopetrol (NYSE: EC); EDP - Energias de Portugal (PSI: EDP.PL); eFuture Information Technology (NASDAQ: EFUT); Egytrans (CASE: ETRS.CA); E-House (China) Holdings (NASDAQ: EJ); Embraer (NYSE: ERJ); Enagas (MSE: ENAG.MC); Energisa S.A. (BMF&BOVESPA: ENGI); Enersis (NYSE: ENI-US); Equatorial Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: EQTL3); Erste Group Bank (VSE: EBS); Eternit (BMF&BOVESPA: ETER3); Eucatex (BMF&BOVESPA: EUCA4); ev3 Inc. (NASDAQ: EVVV); Even Construtora e Incorporadora (BMF&BOVESPA: EVEN3); EVN (NYSE: EVN); Evraz Group (LSE: EVR); EZTEC Empreendimentos e Participações (BMF&BOVESPA: EZTC3); F. Hoffmann - La Roche (SIX: ROG VX); Far Eastern New Century Corporation (TWSE: 1402); Far EastOne Telecommunications (TWSE: 4904); Fedex (NYSE: FDX); FelCor Lodging Trust (NYSE: FCH); Fertilizantes Heringer (BMF&BOVESPA: FHER3); Fibria (BMF&BOVESPA: VCPA3); First Financial Holding (TWSE: 2892); Flytech Technology Co. (TWSE: 6206); Focus Media Holding (NASDAQ: FMCN); Formosa Taffeta (TWSE: 1434); Fosun International (HKSE: 00656); Fraport (FSE: FRA GR); Fresenius Medical Care (FSE: FME); Fubon Financial Holding (TWSE: 2881); Fushi Copperweld (NASDAQ: FSIN); Fuwei Films (NASDAQ: FFHL); Gafisa (NYSE: GFA); Galp Energia (EURONEXT: GALP PL); Garanti Bank (ISE: GARAN); Gartner, Inc. (NYSE: IT); Gazprom Neft (MSE: SIBN); General Electric Company (NYSE: GE); Georg Fischer (SIX: FI-N); Gerresheimer (FSE: GXI XE); Gilead Sciences (NASDAQ: GILD); Global Bio-chem Technology Group (HKSE: 0809); Global Sources (NASDAQ: GSOL); Global Sweeteners Holdings (HKSE: 03889); Global Unichip Corp (TWSE: 3443); GlobalTrans (LSE: GLTR); GOL Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes (NYSE: GOL); Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana (BVC: GRUPOSURA); Grupo Santander (IBEX 35: SAN); GVT (BMF&BOVESPA: GVTT3); Halliburton (NYSE: HAL); Hansen Transmissions International (LSE: HSN); Hercules Technology Growth Capital (NASDAQ: HTGC); Hochtief (FSE: HOT); Homex (OTC: DHMXF.PK); Houston Wire & Cable (NASDAQ: HWCC); HSBC Holdings (LSE: HSBA); HTC Corporation (TWSE: 2498); Hurray! Holding Co (NASDAQ: HRAY); Hypermarcas (BMF&BOVESPA: HYPE3); Hysan Development Company (HKSE: HYSNY.PK); IAMGOLD Corporation (NYSE: IAG); Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers (BMF&BOVESPA: IGTA3); Indra (IBEX 35: IDR.MC); Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (HKSE: 01398); Infosys Technologies (NASDAQ: INFY); Innolux Display Corp. (TWSE: 3481); Integrys Energy Group (NYSE: TEG); Intel (NASDAQ: INTC); Internet Initiative (NASDAQ: IJJI); Ipsen (PAR: IPN); JBS (BMF&BOVESPA: JBSS3); JSC Sitronics (LSE: SITR); KB Financial Group (KSE: 105560); KBC Group NV (EURONEXT: KBC); KGI Securities (TWSE: 6008); Kingsoft Corporation (HKSE: 03888); Koc Holding (ISE: KCHOL.IS); Konecranes (NASDAQ: KCR1V); KongZhong Corporation (NASDAQ: KONG); Kotak Mahindra Bank (BSE: 500247); LAN Airlines (NYSE: LFL); Life Technologies (NASDAQ: LIFE); Life Time Fitness (NYSE: LTM); Linktone Ltd. (NASDAQ: LTON); Localiza Rent a Car (BMF&BOVESPA: RENT3); Logica (LSE: LOG); Longtop Financial Technologies (NYSE: LFT); Lonza (SIX: LONN); Lukoil (LSE: LKOD); Lupatech (BMF&BOVESPA: LUPA3); Manulife Financial (NYSE: MFC); Marisa (BMF&BOVESPA: MARI3); Maywufa Co (TWSE: 1731); Medco Health Solutions (NYSE: MHS); METRO (FSE: MEO); Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT); Millennium (EURONEXT: MBC.LS); Mindray Medical International (NYSE: MR); Mobinil (CASE: EMOB); Moody's (NYSE: MCO); MorphoSys (FSE: MOR); MRV Engenharia e Participações (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 (NASDAQ: NES_1V); Net Serviços (BMF&BOVESPA: NETC4); New World Resources (LSE: NWR LN); Newmont Mining Corporation (NYSE: NEM); Nexen (NYSE: NXY); NKT Holding (CSE: DK 0010287663); Noah Education Holdings Ltd. (NASDAQ: NED); Novartis (VIRT-X: NOV.VX); NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG); Nucleus Software Exports (NSE: NUCLEUS); NWS Holdings Limited (HKSE: 0659); OC Oerlikon (SIX: OERL); Océ N.V. (OTC: OCENF.PK); OctoPlus (NYSE: OCTO.AS); OHL Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: OHLB3); Outokumpu (NASDAQ: OUT1V.HE); Overseas Shipholding Group (NYSE: OSG); Pampa Energia (BCBA: PAMP); Paraná Banco (BMF&BOVESPA: PRBC4); Partner Communications (NASDAQ: PTNR); PDG Realty (BMF&BOVESPA: PDGR3); Perfect World Co. (NASDAQ: PWRD); Perrigo (NASDAQ: PRGO); Petrobras - Petróleo Brasileiro (NYSE: PBR); PetroChina (NYSE: PTR); PhytoHealth Corporation (TWSE: 4108); Positivo Informática (BMF&BOVESPA: POSI3); PotashCorp (NYSE: POT); Powerchip Semiconductor (TWSE: 5346); PPG Industries (NYSE: PPG); Procter & Gamble (NYSE: PG); Profarma (BMF&BOVESPA: PFRM3); PT Excelcomindo Pratama (JAK: EXCL); PT Semen Gresik (Persero) (IDX: SMGR); PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia (IDX: TLKM); PT. Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa (IDX: INTP); Randstad Holding (EURONEXT: RAND); Reliance Industries (NSE: RELIANCE.NS); ReneSola Ltd. (NASDAQ: SOL); Renova Energia (None: None); Richtek Technology Corp. (TWSE: 6286); Rieter Group (SIX: RIEN); Rossi Residencial (BMF&BOVESPA: RSID3); Royal Dutch Shell (LSE: RDSA); Royal Philips Electronics (NYSE: PHG); RusHydro (LSE: HYDR); Ryder System (NYSE: R); Sa Sa International Holdings (HKSE: 0178); Sampo Plc (NASDAQ: SAMAS); Sanofi-Aventis (EURONEXT: SAN); Santos Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: STBP11); Sappi (JSE: SAP); 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: 00315); SMIC (NYSE: SMI); SNC-Lavalin (TSX: SNC); Sohu.com (NASDAQ: SOHU); Solomon Systech Limited (HKSE: 2878); Southwestern Energy (NYSE: SWN); Springs Global (BMF&BOVESPA: SGPS3); SRE Group (HKSE: 1207); St. Jude Medical (NYSE: STJ); STMicroelectronics (NYSE: STM); Stora Enso (OMX: STERV); Strabag (WBAG: STR); Sul America (BMF&BOVESPA: SULA11); Sun Pharmaceutical Industries (NSE: SUNPHARMA); Swiss Life (SIX: SLHN); Syngenta International (SMI: SYNN VX); Taiwan Mobile Co. (TWSE: 3045); Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TWSE: 2330); Tata Motors (NYSE: TTM); TD Bank Financial Group (NYSE: TD); Teck Resources (NYSE: TCK); TECO Electric & Machinery Co. (TWSE: 1504); Telecom Egypt (EGX: ETEL.CA); Telefónica O2 Czech Republic (PSE: SPTT.PR); Telekom Austria (VSE: TKA); Telkom (JSE: TKG); Tellabs (NASDAQ: TLAB); Telvent Git (NASDAQ: TLVT); Temenos (SIX: TEMN); Tempur-Pedic International (NYSE: TPX); Tenaris (NYSE: TS); The United Laboratories International (HKSE: 03933); The9 Limited (NASDAQ: NCTY); Thomson Reuters (NYSE: TRI); ThyssenKrupp (FSE: TKA); TIM Participações (NYSE: TSU); Time Warner Cable (NYSE: TWC); Topoint Technology Co. (TWSE: 8021); TOTAL (CAC: FP.PA); TOTVS (BMF&BOVESPA: TOTS3); Tractebel Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: TBLE3); Transcend Information (TWSE: 2451); Trend Micro (NASDAQ: IBKR); Trend Micro (TSE: 4704); Tripod Technology Corporation (TWSE: 3044); Trisul (BMF&BOVESPA: TRIS3); Triunfo Participações (BMF&BOVESPA: TPIS3); Turk Telecom (ISE: TTKOM); Turkcell (NYSE: TKC); UCB (EURONEXT: UCB-XB); Ultra Petroleum (NYSE: UPL); Ultrapar Participações (NYSE: UGP); Unum Group (NYSE: UNM); URS Corporation (NYSE: URS); VancelInfo Technologies (NYSE: VIT); Vanguard International Semiconductor (OTC: 5347); Vecima Networks (TSX: VCM); VeriSign (NASDAQ: VRSN); Verizon (NYSE: VZ); Vermilion Energy Trust (TSX: VET.UN); Vivo Participações (NYSE: VIV); Volkswagen (FSE: VLKAY); Walgreens (NYSE: 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 (NYSE: WEN); WestJet (TSX: WJA); WNS Holdings (NYSE: WNS); Wonder Auto Technology (NASDAQ: WATG); WPG Holdings (TWSE: 3702); Yageo Corporation (TWSE: 2327); Yongye International (NASDAQ: YONG); Yongye International (NASDAQ: YONG); Yuanta Financial Holdings (TWSE: 2885.TW); Yucheng Technologies (NASDAQ: YTEC); Yum! Brands (NYSE: YUM).



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