

Cogent Partners Expands New York and Dallas Teams

New York, September 2, 2008 – Cogent Partners, a private equity-focused investment bank, announced today that Bradley Critchell has joined the company as a Director. He will be based in the firm’s New York office. Additionally, Cogent Partners announced that Andy Nick has joined the firm as an Associate in the Dallas office.

Mr. Critchell brings to Cogent ten years of investment banking experience predominantly from the investment banking group at Credit Suisse, where he provided M&A advisory, debt financing and equity placement solutions to major Insurance, Commercial Banking and Specialty Finance companies.

“The private equity secondary market is a highly specialized, rapidly evolving, and global market,” said Bill Murphy, Managing Director at Cogent Partners. “As financial institutions are increasingly being driven to explore liquidity and capital relief options for their private equity portfolios, we believe Mr. Critchell’s expertise in addressing the needs of these important clients will be invaluable.”

Mr. Critchell holds a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and a B.A. from Brown University.

Mr. Nick joins Cogent from Citigroup Global Markets, where he was an Associate in Investment Banking and advised clients in the consumer, energy, media, and technology sectors on strategic and financing alternatives. Previously Mr. Nick was a Senior Associate in Transaction Advisory Services at Ernst & Young LLP, where he performed business and intangible asset valuations.

Mr. Nick holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BBA in finance and entrepreneurship from Baylor University.

About Cogent Partners

Cogent Partners is a leading private equity-focused investment bank that specializes in secondary market transactions and related private equity research projects for institutional investors. Recognized globally as the leader in private sell-side advisory services, Cogent Partners has earned a reputation for successfully initiating, marketing, negotiating, structuring and closing the sale of private equity assets. Since inception the company has advised on more than \$20 billion in private equity commitments. The firm’s research group offers a range of private equity monitoring and due diligence services. Cogent Partners is headquartered in Dallas, with offices in New York, London and Tokyo.

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