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BROWN RUDNICK'S LONDON OFFICE CONTINUES EXPANSION WITH ADDITION OF SONYA VAN DE GRAAFF

New partner joins from Bear, Stearns International Ltd. in London

Boston, U.S. and London, U.K., September 4, 2008 -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Sonya Van de Graaff has joined the firm as a partner in the Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Group in the London office. Ms. Van de Graaff has an international practice encompassing a broad range of finance, distressed and insolvency situations. She works with hedge funds, corporations, investment banks and other financial institutions that are active in the distressed and restructuring markets. Prior to joining Brown Rudnick, Ms. Van de Graaff was Managing Director Principal and Solicitor with Bear, Stearns International Ltd. in London.

Ms. Van de Graaff's experience spans project, corporate, acquisition and leveraged financings, as well as corporate debt restructuring, refinancings and workouts. She also counsels clients in matters related to CMBS and RMBS, securitizations, CLOs, IPOs, and principal commercial real estate investments.

Announcing the new appointment today, Brown Rudnick CEO Joseph F. Ryan commented, "Sonya is a strategic addition to our European practice. Her broad finance experience, particularly in relation to distressed and insolvent situations, complements the work of our London team in advising clients on distressed investing matters. We welcome Sonya to the firm."

Ms. Van de Graaff added, "Brown Rudnick is rapidly gaining momentum in the European market as a world-leading law firm noted for its deep experience in Corporate, Finance, Private Equity, and Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring, among other practice areas. As the firm continues to expand its geographic reach, I am eager to be part of legal team with such strong roots and a clear vision for the future."

This year, two other high-profile lawyers joined Brown Rudnick's London office. Most recently, **Roger Gregory**, the former Head of the Private Equity Team at Nabarro LLP, joined the firm's Corporate Group. In January, top insolvency lawyer **Louise Verrill** joined Brown Rudnick's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Practice in London. Ms. Verrill is the former President of the Insolvency Lawyers' Association 2007-2008, and President of one the UK regulators the Insolvency Practitioners Association (IPA) 2005-2006.



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