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WSP Environmental Named “Advisor of the Year” at Acquisitions Monthly Awards Ceremony

RESTON, VIRGINIA, January 30, 2007 — International consultancy **WSP Environmental** has been named “Environmental Advisor of the Year” by *Acquisitions Monthly*, the leading international M&A and buyouts magazine. The prestigious award, presented to Director Simon Pringle and Technical Director Tim Clare of WSP at the magazine’s annual awards dinner in London on January 23, specifically recognized the “strategy, vision, and quality of advice” provided by WSP to clients in the corporate finance industry.



“This award is a real tribute to the people in our company,” said WSP Environmental Strategies Managing Director Jan J. Chizzonite, who leads the company’s North American M&A practice. “The *Acquisition Monthly* Awards are among the most respected in the industry, reflecting the views of the corporate finance, investment, and legal sectors.”

Environmental due diligence is an essential element of most large real estate and corporate transactions. Companies planning a divestiture, acquisition or corporate refinancing need to anticipate and make plans to address the potential impact of environmental, health and safety liabilities, including such emerging issues as corporate social responsibility, greenhouse gas emissions and product environmental compliance.

“Clearly, WSP is recognized by the M&A industry as a globally integrated, multidisciplinary environmental science and engineering team with the technical skills and breadth of experience needed to provide guidance in these areas,” Mr. Chizzonite said. “As client-focused, commercially oriented advisors, we endeavor to add value to our client’s business by supplying reliable, timely advice and working closely with other transaction advisors toward the successful completion of the transaction.”

WSP Environmental is a global environmental consultancy with over 60 offices worldwide, including 15 in the U.S., providing a comprehensive range of services to clients across the industrial, financial and public sectors, including leading Fortune 500, FTSE 100 and other blue-chip companies as well as innovative small- to medium-sized enterprises. The company’s global due-diligence team has advised on over 1,000 transactions and frequently works on M&A assignments with values in excess of one billion dollars. For further information please visit www.wspes.com or send a specific query to Jan Chizzonite at Jan.Chizzonite@WSPGroup.com.

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