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Hill, Barth & King LLC Admits John A. Lombardi as Principal

ERIE, PA (March 2008) – Hill, Barth & King LLC (HBK), Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants, are pleased to announce the admittance of John A. Lombardi, CPA, CFE, CIRA as a Principal.

John has over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance. His progressive background includes international public accounting firms and executive officer positions in publically traded corporations.

Mr. Lombardi has hands on expertise managing large and small accounting functions, audit compliance, SEC reporting, raising debt and capital, mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, forecasting and planning, internal audit, strategic planning, financial analysis and tax planning. His industry knowledge most recently includes retail and healthcare.

John has many years of experience as Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Corporate Controller, Executive Vice President, and Treasurer for publicly held firms in the region. He has served as an instructor for The Arthur Andersen Center for Professional Education and has a wide range of speaking engagements including PICPA, CPA Forums, and several universities.

John received his Bachelor degree in Science with a major in Accounting from Gannon University. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and is a Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified Insolvency and Reorganization Accountant.

Based on revenues, HBK is ranked as the 66th largest public accounting firm in the nation. HBK has over 280 professional and support staff members who serve clients in 12 offices located throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida.

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