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MORGAN LEWIS APPOINTS NEW MANAGING PARTNER TO HEAD ITS LONDON OFFICE

London, March 7, 2002 - Morgan Lewis, one of the 10 largest U.S. law firms, has appointed Peter P. Wallace as Managing Partner of the firm's London office. Wallace, a partner in the Business and Finance Practice Group, is a corporate lawyer with extensive experience in public offerings, private placements, and mergers and acquisitions, as well as cross-border transactional work. He succeeds Thomas J. Benz who will now be responsible for Morgan Lewis' European corporate finance practice.

As Managing Partner, Wallace will work closely with the firm's management committee and key practice group leaders to enhance and expand the London practice, as well as deepening the links between the firm's U.K. office and its international offices in the U.S., Frankfurt, Brussels and Tokyo. The London office serves a wide range of global clients, including a variety of financial institutions, top-tier corporations and numerous pharmaceutical businesses.

On the international front, the firm concurrently announced the appointment of Charles E. Engros as the Managing Partner of the firm's New York office.

Wallace obtained his law degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School (1982). He also holds a Diplôme from the Institut D'Etudes Politique (1974) and a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy (1968). He was an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the U.S. Academy and speaks French fluently. He serves on Morgan Lewis' Advisory Board and is a member of the New York and California state bars.

"Beyond expanding the scope of this office's relationships with our U.S. and other international offices, I will be concentrating on raising the firm's profile as well as increasing the diversification of our portfolio of clients both in the U.K. and throughout Europe," said Mr. Wallace.

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