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MORGAN LEWIS MOVES BOOST EUROPE

Senior Corporate Transactional Lawyers Move from US to London Office

London, England, March 28, 2001 - Top ten US law firm Morgan Lewis announced today that **Peter Wallace**, a partner in the Business and Finance Group, has joined the firm's London office in a move from the US. This move comes as the firm marks the 20th anniversary of the London office.

Peter Wallace is a senior, corporate transactional partner and his move to London will considerably enhance the firm's European cross-border transactional practice. Additionally Wallace will become responsible for co-ordinating business development across Morgan Lewis' London, Frankfurt, Brussels and US offices, as Regional Co-ordinating Partner for Europe, a role that will complement the firm's existing senior management in Europe. Wallace began his legal career in New York and was most recently a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. He has broad experience in mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions and has represented several publicly-held companies in the US. Peter Wallace's move to London and his appointment to this newly created position are further steps to expand Morgan Lewis' global transactional practice.

Additionally **Rachel Gonzalez**, a senior associate specialising in both US and international corporate finance transactions as well as mergers and acquisitions, has joined the London office. Gonzalez brings a great depth of transactional experience gained in the firm's New York office. Her move will provide additional strengths to the firm's cross-border business and finance practice in Europe.

These developments, which focus on the firm's European practice, come closely on the heels of the high profile recruitment of Julian Joshua, previously Deputy Head of the Cartel Unit of the EC's Competition Directorate, to Morgan Lewis' Brussels office (established twelve years ago). Additionally, the firm's Frankfurt office (also opened twelve years ago) is experiencing excellent growth from the mergers and acquisitions and technology sectors and will be announcing the appointment of a new partner shortly.

Francis M Milone, chairman of Morgan Lewis, says, "We have as a priority the continued development of our European practice, and specifically the expansion of our cross border transactional capabilities. Following developments in our Brussels office last year, and the

substantial growth we are seeing in Frankfurt, we view these latest moves as a significant step towards achieving our firmwide objectives."

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