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**Morgan Lewis Assists Universal Music Group
with Multiyear Communications Outsourcing Deal**

New York, March 23, 2006 — Morgan Lewis is pleased to announce that it has secured an outsourcing contract for client Universal Music Group (UMG), the world’s leading music company. The outsourcing deal, with Paris-based Equant, a unit of France Telecom, will allow UMG to focus its IT resources on recording-industry IT applications instead of networking needs, and to transform its current network into a fully managed IP solution.

Partner Edward J. Hansen, who led the Morgan Lewis deal team for UMG, said the transaction is an example of the firm’s ability to “draw on the specialized skills of our outsourcing lawyers, and on our resources worldwide, particularly in New York, London and Paris.” The transatlantic Morgan Lewis deal team also included Sol Irvine, Craig Garnett, Teresa Minger, and Ajay Ayyappan in New York; Stéphan Alamowitch, Florence Guthfreund-Roland, and Jelena Vodjevic in Paris; and Michael Cashman in London.

The five-year deal spans 48 countries and is innovative in many respects. It covers all elements of UMG’s communications infrastructure, including global WAN and LAN, managed voice and IP telephony, mobility, web hosting and vendor management. UMG has about 9,000 internal users on its network, in addition to thousands of people who work for its business partners.

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