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Leading Middle-Market Investment Bank Appoints Rovani to Head New Travel/Transportation, Hospitality and POS/Food Service Practice

MCLEAN, VA (February 13, 2003) - John Rovani, a 17-year industry veteran and executive, has been appointed to lead The McLean Group, LLC's new Travel/Transportation, Hospitality and Food Service practice. The McLean Group is a leading middle-market investment bank that specializes in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) as well as corporate finance.

"We are excited about John's joining The McLean Group as an investment banker and head of this critical new area," says McLean Group Managing Director Dennis Roberts. "We believe that John adds significant value to our firm and to middle-market companies seeking to establish and execute viable exit strategies in these sectors. As a consultant during the past year, John has demonstrated his enormous wealth of industry knowledge, small and large company management experience, as well as a unique strategic vision of where opportunities lie for clients. We are very happy to have him join us."

"I am very pleased to team with The McLean Group to develop an exciting business within a business that leverages the combination of both parties' skills, strengths and experiences to help firms in my industry," says Rovani. "Many of my industry peers are too busy with day-to-day issues and do not have someone they trust to represent their interests. I look forward to earning their continued trust in a new capacity and to becoming a long-term addition as a key player in their strategic directions."

Rovani believes that significant "hidden" M&A activity is already underway in these sectors. "This activity will explode once war possibilities with Iraq dissipate," indicates Rovani. In particular, Rovani believes that valuation premiums will grow as a dozen large players begin to bid for small to mid-sized players that possess unique business models, market share and/or technologies. "Preparing for that short window is critical and should commence immediately," he adds.

Rovani has extensive experience in building and managing new businesses and alliances. He has held positions as President/COO of POS.Com, a web-based provider of POS/back-office solutions to restaurants; a Vice President of MICROS Systems, Inc., a hospitality industry solutions provider; President and CEO of a decision support software firm and as a subsidiary Vice President at Sabre/American Airlines, where he helped both groups expand into new overseas markets. Rovani has a Vanderbilt University MBA, a BA degree from the University of Massachusetts, a Certificate in Negotiations from Georgetown University and NASD Series 7 and 63 Broker/Dealer agent licenses.

About The McLean Group

The McLean Group, LLC, is a national, middle market investment bank headquartered in McLean, VA providing merger and acquisition (M&A), capital formation, market intelligence, business valuation, litigation support and exit planning services. The firm serves domestic and international clients with a broad resume of successfully consummated financial transactions. Securities transactions are cleared through The McLean Group's affiliate, McLean Securities, LLC, a FINRA Registered Broker Dealer and Member FINRA/SIPC. For more information, visit www.mcleanllc.com.

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