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TROUTMAN SANDERS TEAMS WITH MINORITY-OWNED LAW FIRM

San Diego - March 8, 2010 - Troutman Sanders is pleased to announce that in an effort to promote diversity within the legal industry, it has established a working relationship with the San Diego law firm Tyson & Mendes LLP.

Troutman Sanders has pledged to support Tyson & Mendes as it pursues opportunities available to minority-owned law firms. If a matter warrants, Troutman Sanders will team with Tyson & Mendes and share its considerable experience base and proactive approach to addressing legal and business challenges.

"This alliance with Tyson & Mendes is a great opportunity for Troutman Sanders and another step in our firm's ambitious diversity efforts," said Michael J. Whitton, managing partner of Troutman Sanders' San Diego office. "I am excited about the prospects of working with Robert Tyson, Patrick Mendes and all of the excellent attorneys at Tyson & Mendes."

Tyson & Mendes is a minority-owned and AV-rated litigation firm committed to providing its clients with superior service and results. The principals of the firm are experienced trial attorneys who collectively have more than 30 years experience defending corporations, insurance companies, and their business clients in civil litigation matters throughout California.

"Having the international support, resources and skills of Troutman Sanders is a great benefit to our clients," said Patrick Mendes, co-principal of Tyson & Mendes. "But even more impressive is the firm's commitment to diversity in the legal profession. Troutman Saunders clearly recognizes that diverse clients are entitled to diverse representation."

Tyson & Mendes has offices in San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Riverside. See <http://www.tysonmendes.com> for more information.

Troutman Sanders is an international law firm with over 650 lawyers and 15 offices in North America, Europe and Asia. Founded in 1897, the firm's lawyers provide counsel and advice in practically every aspect of civil and commercial law related to the firm's core practice areas: Corporate, Finance, Litigation, Public Law and Real Estate.

Firm clients range from multinational corporations to individual entrepreneurs, federal and state agencies to foreign governments, and non-profit organizations to businesses representing nearly every sector and industry. See www.troutmansanders.com for more information.

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