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**CAROLYN LUSTFIELD, TODD CRESCENZO JOIN LM CAPITAL GROUP'S RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS TEAM**

*Linda A. Krauss Also Named Chief Compliance Officer*

**SAN DIEGO — (August 6, 2008)** — LM Capital Group, LLC has announced that Carolyn Geisler-Lustfield and Todd Crescenzo, CFA, have joined the company's Research and Analysis Group as Senior Vice President — Research, and Vice President — Research, respectively. In addition, Linda A. Krauss has been named Chief Compliance Officer, according to John Chalker, Co-Founder and Managing Director of San Diego-based LM Capital Group.

As Senior Vice President — Research, Lustfield is responsible for the gathering and analysis of macro-economic data from sources around the world and specific data on individual corporate issuers. In addition, she will provide portfolio attribution analysis to the firm's Investment Strategy Group and clients.

Lustfield has more than 23 years of investment management experience. Prior to joining LM Capital, she co-founded JKMilne Asset Management, an investment management firm located in Pittsburgh, PA. She was responsible for the firm's portfolio management process including strategy formation and implementation, trading and performance measurement. Previously, she was a Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager for The Bank of New York Mellon (Mellon Bond Associates), one of the largest money management firms in the world. In this capacity, she managed and traded more than \$5 billion in assets and served on the investment strategy and asset allocation committees.

Lustfield received an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Robert Morris University and a Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University. She is an advocate for the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill and has been an active community mentor of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) since 1999.

As Vice President — Research, Crescenzo is responsible for gathering and analyzing macro-economic data from sources around the world and specific financial data on individual corporate issuers.

Crescenzo has nine years of experience in the capital and commodities markets. Prior to joining LM Capital Group, he worked on the Structuring and Trading desk at RBS Sempra Commodities, where he was responsible for the origination, structuring, hedging, negotiations and consummation of RBS contracts with commercial and industrial counterparties. Previously, he was a Research Analyst and Assistant Portfolio Manager with Advisors Asset Management, responsible for developing and overseeing the firm's high yield and distressed debt proprietary capital fund. He also served as an associate with Credit Suisse's Emerging Markets group in New York City.

He is a CFA Charterholder and is a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (CFAI). Crescenzo earned a Master's degree in International Business with an emphasis on Finance from the University of California, San Diego and a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Relations from the University of North Carolina. He has nine years of capital and commodity markets experience.

As Chief Compliance Officer, Linda Krauss is responsible for monitoring employees' compliance within LM Capital's policy and procedures. Prior to joining LM Capital, Krauss was with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. in Boston, MA, where she served as Associate Administrative Manager. Previously, she was a contract attorney in Boston, and prior to that, a staff attorney in the Litigation Department of Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw, LLP in Los Angeles. Krauss received a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a Bachelor's degree in Arts, Law and Society from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

### **About LM Capital Group, LLC**

LM Capital Group, LLC is a San Diego-based independent investment advisory firm registered under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. The firm was founded in 1989 by Luis Maizel and John Chalker to provide fixed income investment services to institutional investors and is employed by public agencies, corporations and foundations across the United States. LM Capital Group manages \$3.70 billion in four fixed income strategies: short-term, intermediate-term, core, and opportunistic core (core plus). For more information on LM Capital Group, please contact Richard Deary at 619.814.1401, or visit the LM Capital Group website at [www.lmcapital.com](http://www.lmcapital.com).