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**CARIS & COMPANY APPOINTS
JASON WITTES MANAGING DIRECTOR:
HEALTHCARE EQUITY RESEARCH: MEDICAL DEVICES**

Del Mar, CA January 18, 2011 – Caris & Company announced today the appointment of Jason Wittes as Managing Director: Healthcare Equity Research/Medical Devices. Mr. Wittes will be based out of the investment bank’s New York offices.

“Jason brings a tremendous amount of experience to Caris & Company, having been a leading Medical Technology/Devices Analyst for over ten years,” said Darren Caris, Chairman and CEO. “Our goal is to assimilate Wall Street’s top thinkers into a collaborative environment where our clients can leverage the deep domain expertise of each of our analysts, and the team as a whole. Jason’s formidable background in Medical Devices will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goal of becoming a dominant research provider in the Healthcare space.”

Jason Wittes joins Caris & Company as a Managing Director covering Medical Devices. He brings over 10 years of experience as a senior analyst at Leerink Swann, Morgan Stanley and UBS. During his tenure at Leerink Swann, Mr. Wittes was consistently ranked #1 by Institutional Investor Magazine for the Hospital Supplies and Medical Devices sector among boutique and regional firms (2005-2007). He also obtained a top 5 ranking in Greenwich Associates annual survey in 2007, and ranked #2 in the 2006 Wall Street Journal’s ‘Best on the Street’ poll. Prior to joining Leerink Swann, Mr. Wittes was a senior analyst on the top ranked Institutional Investor Team at Morgan Stanley (ranked #1 from 2000-2002). Prior to joining Wall Street, Mr. Wittes was an R&D chemist at Novartis and Pfizer, where he worked on formulating several drugs for NDA submission.

Mr. Wittes is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, and has an MBA from New York University.

About Caris & Company

Established in 2002, Caris & Company is a full service investment bank that services Wall Street's institutional investment community by providing differentiated, collaborative, alpha generating ideas. Headquartered in Del Mar, CA, Caris & Company has offices in New York, San Francisco, and Boston. The firm's research product includes coverage in the following areas: Generic and Specialty Pharm and Large Cap Pharm, Medical Devices, Medical Diagnostics, Healthcare IT, Semiconductors, Semi-Cap Equipment, Storage, Refining, Coal, Personal Care/Household Products, Toys, Media & Entertainment, Home Furnishings, Specialty Retail, and Action Sports Retailers.

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