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**CARIS & COMPANY APPOINTS LEO CARPIO VICE PRESIDENT
HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES
RESEARCH**

Del Mar, CA AUGUST 20, 2007 – Caris & Company announced today the appointment of Leo Carpio as Vice President Healthcare Information Technology and Services research. Mr. Carpio will be based out of the firm’s New York Office.

“Caris & Company continues to build out its research department with a goal of being a critical resource to the institutional investor community,” stated Michael E. Hoffman, President, COO and Director of Research. “Leo Carpio, Anil Doradla and Dan Berenbaum, new hires in the past the six weeks, are clear demonstration of Caris & Company’s commitment to being thought leaders in equity research.”

Mr. Carpio is a Senior Research Analyst covering the Health Care Information Technology and Services sector. Mr. Carpio joins Caris & Company from Prudential Equity Group, LLC, where he spent seven years covering numerous healthcare sectors including Healthcare Facilities, Managed Care, and Pharmacy Benefit Managers. Prior to serving as senior Healthcare IT analyst, Mr. Carpio was an Associate Analyst on the Prudential Healthcare Research team

Before joining Prudential, Mr. Carpio worked at MetLife, where his coverage extended to consumer, commercial, and mortgage finance companies. Previously, Mr. Carpio was an Associate in Merrill Lynch’s Finance Department. Mr. Carpio began his career with GE Capital in the municipal finance insurance division – Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (FGIC).

Mr. Carpio joins in bolstering Caris & Company's coverage of Healthcare Information Technology and Services as a member of the Caris & Company's Healthcare research team which includes Gene Mannheimer (Healthcare IT), Tim Lee (Medical Devices), Doug Chow (Biotechnology), and Zarak Khurshid (Life Sciences and Diagnostics).

Mr. Carpio holds a B.A. in Management from The University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School and an M.B.A. in Corporate Strategy & Finance from the University of Michigan with honors. He holds the Series 7, 63, 86 and 87 licenses.

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