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**CARIS & COMPANY APPOINTS
MARIO CORSO MANAGING DIRECTOR: HEALTH CARE
RESEARCH: SPECIALTY PHARMA & BIOPHARMA**

Del Mar, CA March 3, 2010– Caris & Company announced today the appointment of Mario Corso as Managing Director: Specialty Pharma & Biopharma Equity Research. Mr. Corso will be based out of the investment bank’s Boston office.

“Mario brings a tremendous amount of experience to Caris & Company, having been a leading Health Care Analyst for nearly 14 years,” said Darren Caris, Chairman and CEO. “We have one simple goal, to make money for our clients. To do this, we strive to collate Wall Streets’ 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. Mario brings important critical mass to our Health Care research offering and we are looking forward to him drawing on his 14 years of Wall Street experience, and unique stock picking skills, to bring critical Health Care investing insight to our clients. Importantly, Mario has both Buy and Sell Side experience, which gives him both a unique perspective and deep understanding of our clients’ portfolio process.” Mr. Caris added that this hire would augment the firm’s commitment to become Wall Street’s top research oriented boutique investment bank, and enhance the Company’s research effort.

Prior to joining Caris & Company, Mario most recently spent two years as the lone analyst for a large global pharma/biotech hedge fund. Before that, Mario spent 12 years on the Sell Side following various areas of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology ranging from small cap to large cap at such firms as Summer Street Research partners, Leerink Swann and ABN AMRO. Over the course of Mario's career, his accomplishments have been recognized in polls conducted by Institutional Investor, Starmine, and the Wall Street Journal.

Mario holds a BA in Economics from the University of Connecticut, a MBA from Northeastern University, and has been a CFA charter holder for over 10 years.

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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: Pharmaceuticals, Specialty Pharma, Biotechnology, Medical Devices, Medical Diagnostics, Healthcare IT, Health Care Services, Semiconductors, Semi-Cap Equipment, Hardware, Storage, Software, Media, Refining, Coal, Home Furnishings, Specialty Retail, Consumer Electronics, and Action Sports Retailers.

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