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**CARIS & COMPANY APPOINTS  
LINDA BOLTON WEISER AS MANAGING DIRECTOR:  
CONSUMER EQUITY RESEARCH**

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**Del Mar, CA** March 31, 2008 – Caris & Company announced today the appointment of Linda Bolton Weiser as Managing Director: Household Products and Personal Care/Cosmetics Equity Research. Ms. Bolton Weiser will be based out of the investment bank’s New York offices.

“Linda brings a tremendous amount of experience to Caris & Company, having been a leading Household Products and Personal Care/Cosmetics Analyst for nearly 10 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. Linda’s formidable background in Household Products and Personal Care will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goal of becoming a dominant research provider in the Consumer space.” 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.

Ms. Bolton Weiser brings to Caris & Company over 15 years of experience as an equity research analyst. Prior to joining the firm, she was a senior equity analyst at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. for over seven years, where she covered the Household Products & Personal Care/Cosmetics sector, as well as Toys. She was ranked #2 in the *Wall Street Journal* “Best on the Street” survey for stock selection in her sector in 2003 and 2006, and was also named the top Household Products analyst by *Bloomberg Markets* magazine in 2005, based on S&P 500 stock selection. Ms. Bolton Weiser was named the #1 Stock Picker in Personal Products and #3 Earnings Estimator in Household Products in May 2006, and the #1 Earnings Estimator in Personal Products in May 2007 by *Forbes.com*. In 2003, she was named “Best Up-and-Coming Analyst” in her sector by *Institutional Investor* magazine.

From 1992 to 2000, Ms. Bolton Weiser was a buy-side equity analyst at AllianceBernstein, where she followed stocks in the industrial and consumer sectors. From 1998 to 2000, she was Portfolio Manager of the Alliance Global Environment Fund.

Ms. Bolton Weiser holds an M.B.A. in Finance and Marketing from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. degree in Biochemistry from Wellesley College. She holds the Series 7, 63, 86, and 87 securities registrations.

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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: Biotechnology, Medical Devices, Medical Diagnostics, Healthcare IT, Semiconductors, Semi-Cap Equipment, Storage, Internet Services, Refining, Coal, Home Furnishings, Specialty Retail, Consumer Electronics, and Action Sports Retailers.

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