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NEW ARM OF ASCENDANT PARTNERS INC. BRINGS FINANCIAL SERVICES AND EXPERTISE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY, FOOD AND AGRIBUSINESS COMPANIES

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo., June 18, 2007 - Ascendant Partners Inc. has formed a subsidiary company designed to offer capital services to companies and projects in renewable energy, food, and agribusiness. **Ascendant Financial Partners LLC (AFP)** officially opened for business on June 1 and will assist companies in raising debt, mezzanine and equity capital; project finance; merger and acquisition advisory services; restructuring, refinancing and recapitalization services; management buyout advisory services; and enterprise and business valuations. Currently, AFP is one of the few registered broker-dealers and member of the NASD dedicated to serving these industries.

“We are excited to announce the formation of AFP. It’s getting tougher to get deals done, and we think the combination of trusted advisory services along with capital solutions will only help our clients improve their odds for success,” said Partner Kirk Martin. Ascendant Partners brings more than 75 years of collective market, business and financial expertise to help clients succeed. “The renewable energy, food and agribusiness industries are constantly changing and require dedicated experts to create solutions that can fund growth opportunities and mitigate risk. AFP is a critical resource in helping to make that happen.”

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New and established companies seeking to raise capital to fund projects or improvements are finding that they can benefit from working with a credible firm like AFP that is formally registered with the SEC and NASD as a Broker-Dealer. Securities laws prohibit unregistered agents or “finders” from participating beyond the initial introduction or to sell securities on their behalf. Among other risks, businesses attempting to raise capital without a registered agent risk having their offer rescinded and the investor’s money returned.

According to Susan Wyka, AFP’s managing partner, it is important for companies to understand the risks involved when hiring a firm to assist with capital raising activities. “Having experienced broker-dealers assist in raising capital is not simply a luxury, it is a critical component to getting a company or project off the ground swiftly and successfully,” said Ms. Wyka.

AFP was formed to augment Ascendant Partners’ existing suite of consulting services, which includes feasibility studies, business plans, strategic planning, business performance audits and other consulting services throughout the business life cycle. Together they provide the renewable energy, food, and agribusiness industries an efficient and accelerated mechanism for developing and completing a project from concept to capital.

Susan Wyka is the managing partner of AFP. She has over 25 years of experience in corporate finance, including investment banking, private equity fund management, corporate loans and mezzanine investing. She has her required securities licenses (Series 7, 24, 27, and 63) and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Ascendant Partners Inc. is a leading provider of professional consulting and capital solutions for clients in the food, agribusiness and renewable industries. As a trusted and committed partner, we create exceptional value by leveraging market, business and financial expertise to help clients create renewable business success. Capital Services are provided by Ascendant Financial Partners LLC, member NASD/SIPC.

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