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**BLAYLOCK ROBERT VAN TO FORM ALLIANCE WITH LEADING JAMAICAN
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND OPEN FORT LAUDERDALE OFFICE**

Oakland, CA, January 13, 2010 – Blaylock Robert Van LLC (BRV), a premier minority-owned and privately held U.S.-based registered investment bank and broker-dealer, announced today it has signed a letter of intent to form a strategic alliance with Capital and Credit Financial Group (CCFG), the parent of one of Jamaica's largest and most respected merchant banks. In connection with the alliance, BRV plans to open an office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The BRV and CCFG alliance will allow both firms to leverage their resources and expand the financial services and investment products offered to their respective clients with a more comprehensive global perspective. Specifically, BRV will gain access to growing markets in the Caribbean and Latin America and its U.S. operations will benefit from having a well-capitalized Caribbean financial partner, which will allow BRV to participate in a greater number of corporate and municipal bond underwriting activities. Kingston-based CCFG, in turn, will gain access to BRV's distribution capabilities in the U.S., its equity research and portfolio advisory platform (ELROI), and its experienced portfolio strategy team and asset managers.

“We see a tremendous opportunity in the Caribbean to fill a void left in the wake of two global investment banks dramatically reducing their presence in the region last year,” said Eric VanStandifer, BRV's President and CEO. “Capital and Credit Financial Group is one of the

premier providers of financial services in the Caribbean and our firms maintain similar high standards for excellence and client service. Opening an office in Fort Lauderdale underscores BRV’s commitment to this joint venture.”

BRV expects to finalize terms of the alliance and open its Ft. Lauderdale office before the end of the first quarter. As part of the alliance, Capital & Credit Holding Inc, a CCFG affiliate, will invest in and acquire a minority equity position in BRV.

ABOUT BLAYLOCK ROBERT VAN, LLC

Blaylock Robert Van LLC is a leading minority-owned investment banking boutique offering innovative sales and trading, capital markets underwriting, and proprietary equity research. The firm's mission hinges upon a single-minded focus on understanding and delivering financial services of the highest quality. Blaylock Robert Van LLC provides asset managers with global electronic equity trading capabilities and access to more than 40 worldwide exchanges and provides institutional research through its proprietary platform ELROI - The Electronic Analyst®, a web-based research tool for constructing and testing portfolio strategies. The firm also owns SPI Strategies LLC, a registered investment advisor. Based in Oakland, CA and New York City, BRV also has offices in Chicago, Los Angeles and Cleveland. The firm is a member of FINRA, MSRB and SIPC. For more information, visit www.brv-llc.com.

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