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The Altman Group Launches Asset Reunification Service, Hires Two Key Executives

NEW YORK, NY, September 29, 2005 – The Altman Group, Inc., the fastest growing proxy solicitation and corporate-governance consulting firm in the United States, has announced it will begin offering asset reunification services and that it has hired Jonathan J. Duquette as a Senior Managing Director to run the new division. The Altman Group also announced the hiring of Jim Gaffney as Senior Managing Director of Sales.

Asset reunification services are a cost-free method for corporations and mutual funds to locate lost or unresponsive shareholders (often those who have not exchanged their shares following a merger or acquisition) and reunite those shareholders with their assets.

“Adding Jonathan Duquette and Jim Gaffney to The Altman Group team further solidifies our position in the proxy industry as both the highest quality service provider as well as the firm offering the broadest range of services,” said Ken Altman, President and founder of The Altman Group.

Mr. Duquette previously ran Duquette Communications Corp., a shareholder communications firm specializing in abandoned property and odd-lot buyback programs on behalf of publicly held companies and transfer agents. Duquette Communications managed large-scale shareholder communications projects for a number of Fortune 100 companies.

“The Asset Reunification Programs we offer will add value by reunifying or consolidating accounts that otherwise would likely be lost through escheatment,” said Mr. Duquette. “We’ll be helping corporations and mutual funds to fulfill their fiduciary duty to their shareholders to assist them, or their beneficiaries, in claiming their cash and/or securities before their accounts are forfeited over to the various states under the array of abandoned property laws.”

Jim Gaffney will be responsible for developing business relationships with issuers worldwide to provide shareholder communications services, including those offered by the Asset Reunification Division. Mr. Gaffney previously worked as a Senior Vice President at Georgeson Shareholder Communications for sixteen years during which time he worked with clients on a range of shareholder communication projects, including tender and exchange offers, proxy contests, annual meetings, stock surveillance, post-merger clean-up services and odd-lot tender offers.

“Our Asset Reunification Program will provide our clients with an extra level of due diligence for their company and can also improve their investor and public relations efforts,” Mr. Gaffney said. “Our level of expertise and attention to detail combined with The Altman Group’s commitment to excellence in customer service enables us to work closely with each shareholder and resolve any difficulties they may encounter. We leave no stone unturned, and as a result, both shareholders and clients will benefit significantly from the process.”

The Altman Group recently won the TOPS Award as the *Best Proxy Solicitor in the United States*. The firm has also been ranked among the elite in the proxy industry for M&A activity, with recent retentions in over 20 Merger & Acquisition situations including Qwest Communications in its pursuit of MCI, by The Robert Mondavi Corp. for its acquisition by Constellation Brands and by Mandalay Resort Group for its merger with MGM Mirage.

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About The Altman Group, Inc.

The Altman Group, Inc., based in New York City, is the fastest growing proxy solicitation and corporate governance consulting firm in the United States. Founded in 1995 by Ken Altman, the firm has added over 750 new clients globally in the past 3 years. This expansion includes the development of a state-of-the-art call center with the capacity to speak with over 40,000 shareholders a day. Its senior executives have over 200 years of proxy solicitation experience and have worked on over ten thousand annual meetings, hundreds of mergers, tender and exchange offers, dozens of proxy fights and over 100 major bankruptcy cases.

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