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**WILLKIE AND DICKSON MINTO FORM STRATEGIC ALLIANCE**

**New York, NY (June 30, 2008)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced the formation of a strategic alliance with Dickson Minto W.S. The alliance is intended to enhance the ability of both firms to provide clients with high quality services on a seamless basis over a broader range of practice areas and jurisdictions.

The alliance will result in a stronger London presence for Willkie to support the continued growth of its European offices. In particular, the alliance will provide the firm with enhanced access to the U.K. law expertise of Dickson Minto in key areas including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, acquisition finance, equity capital markets and restructuring, which are complementary to Willkie's practices in the U.S. and Europe.

For Dickson Minto, the opportunity to be aligned with a U.S. firm that meets its own standards of quality, and promises a broader platform both in Europe and the U.S., while maintaining its autonomy, was a key factor in deciding to move forward with the alliance.

Willkie and Dickson Minto have worked collaboratively on a wide range of matters over the past several years. In addition, Willkie's Paris office has long established relationships with many lawyers at Dickson Minto. As part of the alliance, the firms will seek to coordinate training to provide lawyers with greater depth of knowledge and experience in the various jurisdictions served by each firm.

Willkie Chairman Jack Nusbaum said, “We are especially pleased to have found in Dickson Minto a partner that represents the very best of what we wish to offer to our clients in our mutual areas of expertise.”

Senior Partner, Alastair Dickson said, "We have had a long relationship with and have a very high regard for Willkie Farr. We are delighted to have been able to make this alliance.”

Each firm will maintain its separate existence and will continue to operate with complete independence.

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Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP is an international law firm of over 650 attorneys with offices in New York, Washington, Paris, London, Milan, Rome, Frankfurt and Brussels. The firm is headquartered in New York City at 787 Seventh Avenue. Tel: 212.728.8000.

Dickson Minto was established in 1985 by Alastair Dickson and Bruce Minto as a law firm specializing in corporate and commercial law. Dickson Minto operates from city centre offices in London and Edinburgh.