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Morgan Samuels Company Places Key Executives at WaMu

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – March 19, 2008 – Morgan Samuels Company, a leading national management consulting firm specializing in executive recruitment, today announced six executive placements at WaMu. WaMu is one of the nation's leading consumer and small business banks.

The company has named Brian Dewitt as first vice president, card service creative production manager. Dewitt had most recently been the vice president, business partner marketing at Countrywide Financial Corporation. Previous to that, Dewitt was the vice president, direct marketing at Countrywide Financial Corporation. Dewitt received his MBA from California State University in Long Beach, California, and his BS in Marketing from Pennsylvania State University in Pennsylvania.

Maarten Löbker was named as first vice president and manager, brand strategy, identity and management. Löbker had most recently been the first vice president, corporate brand marketing at Countrywide Financial Corporation. Previous to that, Löbker was a vice president, brand asset management at Countrywide Financial Corporation. Löbker received his BA in Marketing and International Management from HEAO, Amsterdam Academy in The Netherlands.

Amy B. Longley has been appointed as first vice president and group manager, commercial loan servicing. Longley had most recently been the vice president, residential mortgage branch manager at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Previous to that, Longley was the vice president and production operations manager at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Also appointed was Cynthia Drago as senior vice president and division finance officer, servicing. Drago had most recently been the senior vice president, decision support at ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Incorporated. Previous to that, Drago was the senior vice president, finance at Standard Federal Bank. Drago received her MBA in finance and her BBA in Accounting from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Maoli Chang was named as first vice president and senior manager, credit modeling. Chang had most recently been the vice president, risk management, business direct at Wells Fargo. Previous to that, Chang was a vice president, marketing department, business direct at Wells Fargo. Chang received his

Ph.D. in Mathematics and Statistics and his MS in Mathematics and Statistics from University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, and his BS in Mathematics and Economics from Beijing University in China.

WaMu also appointed Bryan Berthold as first vice president and senior director real estate strategic planning. Berthold had most recently been a vice president, corporate real estate strategy, planning and analysis at Capital One Financial Corporation. Previous to that, Berthold was a director, corporate real estate infrastructure at Capital One Financial Corporation. Berthold received his BA in Architecture from Syracuse University in New York.

About Morgan Samuels Company

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