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Sabrient Systems Emerges as Major Contributor of Independent Research to Global Settlement

SANTA BARBARA, CA, March 8, 2006 – Sabrient Systems, an independent research firm on the West Coast, has emerged as a major contributor of independent research to the multi-million dollar Global Research Analyst Settlement of 2003. The settlement's goal is to provide investors with more research choices.

Far from the corridors of Wall Street, Sabrient developed a superior methodology for quantitative equity research that caught the eye of the Independent Consultants that evaluate independent research on behalf of the settlement firms. The outstanding performance of Sabrient's Buy/Hold/Sell ratings made the company stand out. As a result, seven of the 12 Wall Street investment firms that participated in the historic settlement selected Sabrient as one of their Independent Research Providers (IRPs).

Subsequently, in performance rankings by Investars, Sabrient was recently ranked near the top among 44 research providers, and No. 1 among quantitative firms. Investars is an independent provider of performance data on equity research firms.

The 12 settlement firms include Bear Stearns (NYSE: BSC), Citigroup (NYSE: C), Credit Suisse (NYSE: CSR), Deutsche Bank (NYSE: DB), Goldman Sachs (NYSE: GS), Lehman Brothers (NYSE: LEH), Merrill Lynch (NYSE: MER), Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MST), J.P. Morgan (NYSE: JPM), Piper Jaffray (NYSE: PJC), Thomas Weisel (NasdaqNM: TWPG), and UBS (NYSE: UBS).

About Sabrient Systems

Sabrient Systems, LLC (<http://www.sabrient.com>) is an independent firm specializing in fundamentals-based, quantitative equity research. Sabrient's proprietary methodology, developed by Chief Market Strategist and industry pioneer David Brown, employs multi-factor filters and fuzzy-logic scoring to analyze nearly 6,000 U.S.-traded stocks and identify those that appear poised to outperform or under-perform the market. Founded in 2000, the firm offers several investment research products for professional money managers and individual investors. The products include the Sabrient SmartRank® scorecards, which rank various universes of stocks for professional money managers, and the Sabrient SmartStock® reports, which translate those rankings into easy-to-read stock analyses for individual investors. Sabrient Systems is headquartered in Santa Barbara, CA.

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