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STOCKMAN KAST RYAN + CO., LLP ANNOUNCES STAFF HIRINGS

Colorado Springs, CO (Sept. 28, 2006) – Stockman Kast Ryan and Company (SKR+Co), the largest locally-owned Certified Public Accounting firm in southern Colorado, announces the hiring of:

- Lynda Nesheim, Senior Tax Consultant
- Patrick Ryan Rudy, Audit Consultant
- Jordan Empey, Tax Consultant

Rudy graduated from The Master's College with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and Accounting. Empey graduated from Oral Roberts University with a Bachelors degree in Finance. Nesheim, CPA, has over 12 years of tax experience in public accounting and has recently rejoined SKR+Co.

Photos of Lynda Nesheim, Patrick Ryan Rudy and Jordon Empey are attached.

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Stockman Kast Ryan and Co., LLP is Southern Colorado's largest locally owned certified public accounting firm providing a variety of in-depth business services including – tax services for individuals, businesses, fiduciaries and not-for-profit organizations, audit and accounting services, outsourced accounting and bookkeeping services-customized

to clients' needs, estate planning, small/emerging business advisory services, contract chief financial officer services, business valuations, litigation support services and information systems consulting.