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HOOD & STRONG ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TAX SERVICES

San Francisco, CA. June 23, 2008- Hood & Strong LLP, one of the Bay Area's leading accounting, wealth management, and business consulting firms announced at the San Francisco Global Trade Council's **US-Russian Trade and Investment Opportunities Conference** held today in San Francisco the expansion of its international tax services to firms in the U.S. having trade, branches or subsidiaries worldwide and those in other countries doing business in the United States.

Hood & Strong LLP has a long history of providing global tax services to clients in technology, venture capital and manufacturing industries. It specializes in in-bound international tax services with a particular focus on U.S. investment by international investors, tax structuring, and tax planning, including transactional planning, tax treaty analysis, creation of operating subsidiaries, and domestic and international tax compliance. The international tax practice also provides outbound services. "Whether a company is contemplating entering the U.S. marketplace or is already operating here, Hood & Strong offers dedicated domestic and international tax specialists with extensive experience in providing solutions to a company's complex start-up tax and finance issues", according to Marcus Sharei, Director of the firm's International Tax and Transfer Pricing Practice.

Marcus Sharei, CPA head of the international tax practice also holds a JD, MBA and MS Tax degrees, and has over 15 years experience in dealing with international tax issues.

Hood & Strong LLP was founded 91 years ago on the premise of delivering high-quality accounting services to prominent individuals and family-owned companies. The firm's book of business represented the "who's who" of early California entrepreneurs, who built name companies and became noted philanthropists as well. Since 1917, Hood & Strong has grown to serve the comprehensive needs of a diverse range of clients throughout the Greater Bay Area. Offering a full complement of tax, audit, business consulting and wealth management services from offices in San Francisco, Redwood Shores and San Jose.

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