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**HOOD & STRONG LLP ADDS THREE
NEW MANAGERS IN SAN JOSE AND SAN FRANCISCO**

San Francisco and San Jose, CA, March 8, 2010- Hood & Strong LLP, a leading regional CPA firm with offices in San Francisco, San Jose and Redwood Shores, California, is pleased to announce that Darlene Hall and Elly Lesnawati have joined the firm in the San Jose office as Tax Managers and Vera Wright has joined the firm in the San Francisco office as a Tax Manager specializing in the not-for-profit sector.

Darlene Hall joins the firm from Ireland San Filippo (now Sensiba San Filippo) where she had spent the last five years as a manager focusing on corporations, partnerships, and estates and trusts.

Darlene holds a BA in Accounting from San Jose State University and is a licensed CPA in California.

Elly Lesnawati comes to the firm with experience from Seiler LLP and most recently Ernst & Young.

She holds a BA and MS in Taxation from Golden Gate University and is a licensed CPA in California.

Vera Wright joins the firm from KPMG and will be working with the firm's Not-for-Profit Group in the San Francisco office. Vera holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Weber State University and is a licensed CPA in California, Arizona and Utah.

Robert J. Raffo, Managing Partner, in announcing these recent additions said "the firm has acquired three experienced and very capable managers to complement our existing core management leadership in preparing for the expansion we see in our firm over the next several years. We are very pleased and excited to have them on our team."

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