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FOCUS JOINS BGA

Pittsburgh, PA, and Greenwich, CT (May 24, 2007). Business Growth Alliance, LLC (BGA) is pleased to announce its newest Affiliate Member, FOCUS, one of the nations leading middle market growth advisory and investment banking firms. BGA has appointed Gerald Turner, a FOCUS Partner, to the BGA Advisory Board.

BGA, founded in 2005, is building a national alliance dedicated to providing growth advisory and investment banking services to controlling owners of family-owned and middle market businesses. BGA is currently comprised of nine Affiliate Member Firms with the addition of FOCUS. To date, BGA has assembled a purposeful and strategic mix of broadly recognized, industry leading, professional services firms, which share many back office data platforms, and research and business performance analytical tools (many proprietary) to address the needs of middle market business owners, who wish to grow larger, more valuable companies.

Manning J. O'Connor II, Executive Director of Business Growth Alliance, LLC said, "BGA is very fortunate to have another industry leading Affiliate Member, with a stellar reputation like FOCUS, join the Alliance. Mr. O'Connor added, "FOCUS brings extensive investment banking transactional experience and a unique research and data gathering process, all designed to help middle market companies grow and remain competitive thus accomplishing the objectives of BGA."

FOCUS, founded in 1982 in Washington, DC, provides a full range of investment banking services tailored to the needs of middle market businesses and their executives. FOCUS is a national firm with professionals located in Washington, DC; Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA; San Francisco, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Memphis, TN; Bend, OR; Los Angeles, CA; and Madison, CT. Douglas E. Rodgers, Managing Partner and CEO of FOCUS said, "FOCUS is delighted to be part of this unique and powerful group which share common goals to provide growth and liquidity to middle market firms and families."

"The addition of FOCUS continues to solidify BGA's national footprint with its coverage in nine more key cities in the US and gives BGA Affiliates around the country the ability to collaborate and assemble customized, transaction and industry-focused, teams who

will bring even more experience to all current and future client engagements,” said, Francois M. de Visscher, Co-Chairman of BGA.

BGA has roughly 115 professionals within its Member Firms today including FOCUS and expects, through ongoing internal growth and a few selected Affiliate firm additions, to have roughly 233 professionals by year-end 2007.

“As one national, integrated Alliance, BGA will enhance and build upon the success of its current Members with the addition of our experienced colleagues from FOCUS”, said James C. Bly, Jr., Co-Chairman of BGA. Mr. Bly added, “With the addition of FOCUS, BGA can now better meet the needs of its national strategic marketing partners.”

ABOUT BGA

Business Growth Alliance, LLC (BGA) (www.bgallc.net) believes that locally owned, privately held, growing and profitable medium-sized businesses are materially important contributors to the betterment of regional economies and the social fabric within communities. BGA has carefully selected and organized a National Affiliate Network of seasoned, professional services firms, which are dedicated to providing growth advisory and investment banking services to middle market and family-owned companies and their principals. In addition to their core growth advisory and investment banking services, BGA Member Firms collaborate to address the Three Cornerstones that are needed by most successful middle market companies: Growing Business Value, Managing Capital and Liquidity and Perfecting Governance and Control. The nine current Affiliate Members of BGA include: de Visscher & Co., Source Companies, LLC, FOCUS, *yet2.com*, The Pursuit Group, Tenzing Consulting, Value Defined Middle Market, LLC, Asher Training, and US China Business Solutions Inc.

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