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Pharos Capital Adds Two Analysts to the Team

Dallas, TX, July 17, 2006 – Pharos Capital Group, LLC, a private equity firm based in Dallas and Nashville, announced today that Matthew Mariner and Ryan Shelton joined the firm as Financial Analysts, effective July 10, 2006.

Prior to joining Pharos, Mr. Mariner, 22, worked at Citigroup in the Commercial Real Estate Group of the Corporate Finance Division, where he was responsible for industry and sector analyses of real estate investment trusts, in addition to analyzing the operating performance, capital structure, and cash flows of companies in the real estate loan portfolio. Mr. Mariner graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.S. in Finance and Accounting.

Mr. Shelton, 22, worked most recently at Fowler Valuation Services in Austin, Texas, where he valued small and medium-sized businesses for estate planning, shareholder buyouts, and mergers and acquisitions. He is a graduate of the University of Texas, where he received a B.B.A. in Finance and B.A. in Economics.

“We at Pharos are very pleased to add these two talented new hires to allow us to continue to expand our presence in both Dallas and Nashville,” said Robert Crants, Co-founder and Partner at Pharos Capital.

About Pharos Capital Group

Based in Dallas and Nashville, Pharos Capital Group (www.pharosfunds.com) currently has approximately \$500 million in capital under management. Pharos primarily invests \$10 to \$20 million in companies seeking later stage equity funding for internal growth, acquisitions, management buyouts or recapitalizations across industry sectors, with particular focus on healthcare, business services and technology.

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