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AI HUDEC, LEADING SECURITIES LAWYER, JOINS FARRIS PARTNERSHIP

VANCOUVER – The Partners at Farris are pleased to announce that Al Hudec, a leading senior securities and M&A lawyer, has joined the firm as a Partner. Al is an accomplished senior corporate practitioner with experience in a wide range of corporate transactions. He advises clients throughout Canada and the United States of America on corporate and governance matters and is well known for his involvement in many of the most significant transactions in the North American resource and technology industries over the past 25 years.

Keith Mitchell, Q.C., the firm's Chair said, "We are delighted to welcome Al to Farris. He is a leading Canadian solicitor with an impressive practice and a wealth of experience in high profile transactions for some of North America's leading companies. Our goal is to be British Columbia's pre-eminent law firm, and adding Al to our ranks continues to support this goal."

Al Hudec commented, "Farris has an in-depth and impressive team of high performance corporate lawyers well known for their skill in executing on complex transactions. I look forward to partnering with my new colleagues, including Elizabeth Harrison, Mitchell Gropper, Hector MacKay-Dunn and Herb Dodd on important transactions in the currently challenging economic environment."

In the 2007 edition of The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Al is listed as a leading Canadian lawyer in corporate finance. He has a JD and an LL.M. from the University of Toronto and is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He writes and speaks frequently on a variety of legal topics relating to corporate finance. Al joins Farris after practicing with a Vancouver-based national firm for over 12 years. Prior to that he practiced in Calgary as well as in New York City.

ABOUT FARRIS

Farris is a leading Canadian law firm with offices in Vancouver, Kelowna, and Victoria, British Columbia, with a diverse client base that includes some of the largest public institutions and private corporations in the province. According to Lexpert, Canada's most respected legal publication, Farris has been ranked Vancouver's top corporate and top litigation law firm for six years.

Founded in 1903 by Senator John Wallace Debeque Farris, the firm provides innovative solutions and expertise in the areas of corporate and commercial, securities, banking, real estate, technology, biotechnology, litigation and labour and employment law.

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