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RiskMetrics Group to Hold December 14 "What You Need to Know" Forum on Credit Market Impacts and 2008 Perspectives

RiskMetrics Group Accounting, Risk and Governance Experts to Offer a Combined Perspective on the 2007 Credit Crisis and What Investors Can Expect in 2008

New York, NY (December 11, 2007) - RiskMetrics Group, a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance services to the global financial community, will hold a special online forum, *Credit Markets: What You Need to Know for 2008—Accounting, Governance and Risk Management Perspectives*, on Friday, December 14 at 10 a.m. EST.

Volatility in the markets continues, with high-profile CEO departures, failed hedge funds, and liquidity-challenged banks and brokerages. As 2007 comes to a close, the credit market's deterioration and its broader implications represent a unique inflection point, where accounting, corporate governance and risk management disciplines can provide complementary insights on the lessons learned in 2007 and what to expect in 2008. This forum will cover:

- **Accounting:** As the credit cycles continue to deteriorate what loan and asset classes are most at risk? When will we see loan loss reserves begin to build?
- **Governance:** Do subprime casualties represent a failure of boards to manage risk? What role does executive compensation play in creating incentives for risky behavior?
- **Risk Management:** What insights can we take away from investing in illiquid securities? What potential market risk pitfalls should we watch for in 2008?

RiskMetrics Group panelists Zach Gast, Accounting Research Analyst, Christopher Finger, Head of Risk Management Research, and Patrick McGurn, Special Counsel, will draw from their in-depth accounting, risk and governance backgrounds to share insight on the current state of the credit markets and what investors can expect in the year to come. Marc Siegel, RiskMetrics Group's Head of Financial Research and Analysis, will moderate the panel and conclude the discussion by summarizing how the areas of accounting, risk management and governance can have a collective impact on the financial markets.

RiskMetrics Group conducts online forums as a free client service to share knowledge around important risk, governance and accounting issues facing institutional investors and companies. To attend the online forum, please register at: <http://www.riskmetrics.com/webcasts/2008subprime/index.html>.

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RiskMetrics Group is a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance products and services to financial market participants. By bringing transparency, expertise and access to the financial markets, RiskMetrics Group helps investors better understand and manage the risks inherent in their financial portfolios. Our solutions address a broad spectrum of risk across our clients' financial assets. Headquartered in New York with 19 global offices, RiskMetrics Group serves some of the most prestigious institutions and corporations worldwide. For more information, please visit: www.riskmetrics.com.

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