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**October 15, 2008, DUBAI, U.A.E.** - Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP announces the opening of its newest office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Firm's new Dubai office, which will operate in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), will significantly enhance the Firm's practice in the Gulf and Greater Asian regions.

Peter Stewart, corporate partner and co-chair of the Firm's private equity practice, will serve as the Managing Partner for the Dubai office. Charles Buderer, corporate partner and head of Curtis London, will also spend considerable time in Dubai. Select attorneys from other Curtis offices will relocate to Dubai to join the office.

The opening of Curtis Dubai is part of the Firm's overall expansion strategy which also recently included new offices in Almaty, Astana and Istanbul and the expansion of the Firm's Frankfurt, Oman and London offices.

Curtis Dubai will focus on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, project development, tourism and hospitality projects, energy and commodities, sovereign wealth funds, private equity funds, and dispute resolution in the DIFC.

"The Dubai office is an integral part of Curtis' strategic growth plan," said George Kahale, the Firm's Chairman. "Our clients have expressed their enthusiasm about the opening of this office and we are looking forward to rapid growth and success there."

In 2007, Curtis won the first judgment handed down by the Judicial Authority of the DIFC Courts on behalf of its client Daman Real Estate Capital Partners Limited. Mr. Buderer was counsel in the case.

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