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**BGR Holding, LLC Announces New Bipartisan
Global Government and Public Relations Expertise**

Michael Meehan and Ivo Ilic Gabara to lead New Firm Offerings

Washington D.C./London, 24 March 2008 - BGR Holding, LLC (www.bgrdc.com), the premier government relations, strategic consulting, mergers & acquisitions and investment firm in Washington D.C., today made two major announcements in the continuing rebranding of the firm. BGR Public Relations, LLC, has been created and is headed by prominent Democratic Party political figure Michael Meehan who most recently was Chief of Staff to Maria Cantwell (D-WA). BGR has also launched a sister firm, BGR Gabara, LLP, headquartered in London, which is led by Ivo Ilic Gabara, an outstanding public affairs practitioner in Europe.

“At BGR we strive to ensure we have the most effective team to help our clients meet their objectives. We have witnessed an increasing demand from our clients to provide bipartisan lobbying and communications expertise in Washington, D.C., as well as in Europe. Today we have made a decisive step to grow our expertise and expand our services to meet those client demands,” said Ed Rogers, Chairman of BGR Holding, LLC.

BGR Public Relations:

Michael Meehan will serve as President of BGR Public Relations and Vice President of the lobbying company operating as BGR Holding, LLC. In addition to leading BGR’s new bipartisan effort, Meehan will grow the public relations company focusing on issues management and crisis communications.

Using his vast experience with the media and message development, Meehan will help BGR clients develop communications strategies to defend against policy threats as well as build media campaigns in support of legislation and policy objectives.

For the past 22 years, Meehan has worked in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, including 10 years as Democratic leadership staff. For the past three years he served as U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell's Chief of Staff, managing her Senate offices and her successful 2006 re-election campaign in Washington State. In 2005-6, at the request of Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, Meehan served as the campaign manager of the Senate Democrats "Energy Independence 2020" issue campaign.

In 2003-04 Meehan served as the Senior Communications Advisor to Senator John Kerry's successful bid for the Democratic presidential nomination and during the 2004 general election.

During the 2002 mid-term elections, Meehan served as the senior political and communications strategist for U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. Meehan also served as Director of Message Development and Polling for the Democratic National Committee and as Senior Counselor for DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe. From 1997 to 2001, Meehan served as Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle's National Political Director. Meehan's other governmental posts include stints as Communications Director for U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer in 1995 and for U.S. Rep. John W. Olver of Massachusetts from 1991 to 1993.

Meehan's communications and political experiences in congressional and presidential politics include: The Democratic National Committee, The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, U.S. Senator John F. Kerry's successful Senate re-election campaigns in 1990 and 1996 in Massachusetts, Senator Daschle's 1998 Senate campaign, Maria Cantwell's successful 2000 Senate campaign, and the 1991 and 1992 campaigns of U.S. Rep. John W. Olver in Massachusetts. He was also the Kentucky press secretary for the Dukakis/Bentsen presidential campaign in 1988.

BGR Gabara:

BGR has also launched a sister firm, BGR Gabara, LLP, headquartered in London. Ivo Ilic Gabara will serve as the CEO of BGR Gabara, which will focus its activities on four core services: pan-European government relations services, principally in London and Brussels; media relations across Europe; political campaign management; and financial communications.

Gabara brings to the partnership more than twenty years of experience in the communications and management consulting business acquired across Europe. Following the conclusion of the Dayton Peace Agreement, he spent two years as Spokesman and Head of the European Commission's Press and Information Office in Sarajevo, where he was responsible for the European Union's communication policy in the region. Before joining the European Commission, Gabara spent twelve years working as a journalist in Brussels where he was accredited to the EU institutions and covered European affairs for a number of media organizations including the BBC World Service, The Wall Street Journal Europe, and the European Voice, a weekly publication belonging to London's The Economist Group. Most recently, Gabara was Senior Vice President, EMEA Media Relations at APCO Worldwide, where he created and managed APCO's pan-European Media Relations Practice and launched and successfully managed APCO Italy in Rome.

“In today’s global economy, for a strategic consulting firm such as ours, it is crucial to establish and consolidate a truly international presence. BGR already has a strong international practice including a strong presence in India, the Middle East and Asia. By launching BGR Gabara in London we will further enhance our international expertise and services to those countries and companies that are leading the changes in today’s global economy,” stated Bob Wood, President of BGR Holding, LLC and Co-Chairman of BGR Gabara LLP.

BGR Holding, formerly known as Barbour Griffith & Rogers, is a Washington-based consulting firm actively involved in the shaping of public policy issues that dominate political and corporate agendas at the state, federal and international levels including geopolitics, health care, financial services, energy, trade, appropriations and technology.

This is the third major announcement by BGR Holding since December 2007 regarding the expansion of the firm’s wide range of strategic consulting services. Previous announcements include:

- The hiring of former FBI Agent Tom Locke who provides clients with expert advice and advocacy in dealings with the Justice Department, the FBI, the CIA, the Treasury Department, and other U.S. and international law enforcement and intelligence agencies. His expertise includes investigations, corporate background checks, risk analysis, and due diligence on individuals and organizations.
- The formation of BGR Capital & Trade (“BGR C&T”) led by Ken Griffin who has 12 years of international investment banking experience. The service portfolio of BGR C&T includes mergers & acquisitions, investment banking, commercial, and transaction advisory services.

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