

**BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS HIRES BENJAMIN C. GAW
AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FIRM'S PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT AND
ACCELERATION GROUP**

Dallas, Texas, February 2, 2009 – Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC, a leading Dallas-based private investment firm, today announced that Benjamin C. Gaw has joined Brazos as Managing Director of the firm's Performance Enhancement and Acceleration Group, which is an internal group of experienced Brazos operational professionals dedicated to assisting Brazos deal teams and portfolio management teams in identifying and implementing value creation strategies across all existing and future Brazos portfolio companies.

Mr. Gaw has had a long and distinguished career spanning almost two decades in business operations and performance improvement consulting across many diverse industries, including consumer products, business services, manufacturing / industrial, and distribution. Most recently, Mr. Gaw served as a Director with AlixPartners LLP, a global operational consulting firm, where he received the firm's 2007 Individual Achievement in Excellence Award and the 2008 Team Achievement in Excellence Award. Previously, Mr. Gaw served as a Manager with A.T. Kearney LLP, a global operational consulting firm headquartered in Dallas. Mr. Gaw received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from California State Polytechnic University and his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Brazos partner, Michael D. Salim said, "Performance enhancement and acceleration are key components of the Brazos investment strategy, a specialized process called Maximizing the Middle Market[®]. Ben has the talent and experiential tool kit that will help Brazos create portfolio value for our investors. We are very pleased to welcome Ben to Brazos, and we look forward to continuing to build our team of Brazos professionals as we take measured steps to ever-improve our investment process."

About Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC

Brazos Private Equity Partners is a Dallas-based private equity firm that manages approximately \$1.4 billion of equity capital. Brazos focuses on investments in middle-market companies with enterprise values up to \$500 million at acquisition. Brazos seeks to partner with outstanding management teams and/or families of closely-held businesses to maximize value. Brazos has been one of the most active middle-market private equity investment firms over the past decade, having completed 48 acquisitions, including 18 platform investments. Brazos has invested in a broad range of industries including consumer products, healthcare, business services, financial services, manufacturing / industrial and distribution.

For additional information about Brazos, please visit the firm's website at www.brazosinv.com.

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