



Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc. Announces Additions to its Investment Banking Platform in Energy and Technology

San Francisco, CA, May 11, 2009 – Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: TWPB), a global growth-focused investment bank, today announced that Terris Chorney and Simon Russell joined the firm as Managing Directors in Investment Banking. Mr. Chorney will focus on the Energy practice and will be based in the firm's Calgary office and Mr. Russell will focus on continuing to build the international Technology practice and will be based out of the firm's London office.

In a joint statement, Bill McLeod and Brad Raymond, Co-Heads of Investment Banking stated, "We are very excited to bring Terris and Simon onto our growth platform. Terris' history of financing and strategic advisory transactions enhances our existing efforts in the Energy sector. Simon is an extension of our Technology team and will be responsible for expanding our European efforts in this vertical. Simon's deep transaction expertise and large network of European relationships complement our international strategy."

Mr. Chorney was most recently a Director at Blackmont Capital where he spent five years building their Energy franchise. Mr. Russell was most recently a Managing Director and Head of Technology and Services with Dresdner Kleinwort in London. Mr. Russell focused on the middle markets across advisory and financing products.

About Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc.

Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc. is an investment bank, founded in 1998, focused principally on the growth sectors of the economy. Thomas Weisel Partners generates revenues from three principal sources: investment banking, brokerage and asset management. The investment banking group is comprised of two disciplines: corporate finance and strategic advisory. The brokerage group provides equity and convertible debt securities sales and trading services to institutional investors, and offers brokerage, advisory and cash management services to high-net-worth individuals and corporate clients. The asset management group consists of: private equity, public equity and distribution management. Thomas Weisel Partners is headquartered in San Francisco with additional offices in Baltimore, Boston, Calgary, Chicago, Denver, New York, Portland, Silicon Valley, Toronto, London and Zurich. For more information, please visit www.tweisel.com.

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