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Veteran International Corporate Attorney Daniel Hounslow Joins Atsumi & Partners as a Partner

TOKYO, November 6. -- Atsumi & Partners, recognized as one of Japan's most innovative law firms, announced today that Daniel Hounslow, formerly counsel with Clifford Chance where he spearheaded the Japan Private Equity practice, has joined the firm as a partner. Mr. Hounslow, who was based in Clifford Chance's Tokyo office, has more than 18 years experience as a corporate attorney in London, Hong Kong, Jakarta and Tokyo. He has been based in Japan for more than nine years during which he has acted for entities such as CVC Asia Pacific, 3i Group PLC, PPM Ventures, JPMorgan Partners, ProLogis and Deutsche Securities.

Early last year Atsumi & Partners took the pioneering step of making Bonnie Dixon, an experienced New York finance lawyer, a partner and to register as a foreign law joint practice which enables the firm to offer legal advice on New York as well as Japanese law. With Mr. Hounslow joining the firm it will now also be able to advise on English law.

Hiroo Atsumi, Managing Partner of Atsumi & Partners, said, "We are proud that Mr. Hounslow has chosen to join Atsumi & Partners. Our firm has a strong core capability in mergers and acquisitions and various fields of finance. Mr. Hounslow, with his excellent background in M&A and private equity, will be a welcome and important addition to our capabilities in these fields. We have no doubt that the addition of such an experienced corporate and private equity lawyer will have a significant impact on the ability of this firm to provide skilled legal services to clients in a broad range of fields."

Atsumi & Partners has a proven track record in advising clients on international finance related matters, assisting clients on many innovative and award-winning transactions that have been awarded "Deal of the Year" and other awards by leading international legal and financial publications, including the International Financing Review, Asiamoney, and the International Financial Law Review. In 2005, Atsumi & Partners received an award for the "Securitization Deal of the Year" at the Asian Legal Business Deal of the Year Awards, held in Tokyo. Of the nine transactions nominated in this category, Atsumi & Partners advised on no less than three, including the transaction that earned the award.

The Firm has played a pivotal role in many other award winning transactions, including the deal hailed as Japan's first securitization of residential mortgage loans; another as the world's largest multi-issue CLO and the first master-trust CLO program in Japan by a Japanese bank; the first securitization of residential mortgages from multiple originators in Japan for issuance of multiple-tranche securities to investors; and the first repackaged CMBS in Japan by a Japanese bank. The frequency with which the media report on, and award, deals on which the firm advises is testimony to its ability to successfully provide clients with a high level of service particularly on large, complex, international transactions.

Atsumi & Partners (www.apap.gr.jp) has a reputation for providing meticulous, high quality legal services in matters that range from local Japanese to large and complex cross-border transactions. Clients look to the firm for advice as diverse as syndicated loans, public issues, private placements, swaps and other derivatives, mergers and acquisitions, and many other areas of the law.

