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**ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Expands its Global Presence  
into Five Southeast Asian Nations with New Member  
*DFDL Mekong***

(December 2, 2008) –ALFA International announces the addition of *DFDL Mekong*, a leading professional law firm established in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia with offices in **Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam**.

With six offices across five nations *DFDL Mekong* ([www.dfdlmekong.com](http://www.dfdlmekong.com)) provides high-level integrated services to foreign and local businesses and international institutions. With a team of 20 foreign lawyers and advisers working closely with more than 45 Laotian, Thai, Vietnamese, Burmese and Cambodian lawyers, advisers and legal assistants, *DFDL Mekong* provides personalized and cost-effective legal, tax and consulting services to global clients. Founded in 1995 the firm's guidance is available for every phase of a complex investment – from initial contacts, licensing, negotiations with the government and joint venture partners, land purchasing, leasing and financing, to operational issues such as labor, taxation, environmental regulations, corporate governance and other contractual matters.

According to Richard Hetke, CEO of ALFA International, “Businesses from all corners of the globe are seeking to maximize their operations via opportunities across the Southeast Asian region. ALFA International is pleased to welcome the DFDL Mekong law firm at this important time allowing our members’ clients to connect with on the ground, active attorneys”.

According to Mr. Paniti Junhasavasdikul, the ALFA Contact Partner at *DFDL Mekong*, “We look forward to working with ALFA International law firm members from nations around the world. Our region of the globe provides many

opportunities to explore investment and operations for companies from a cross section of industries. We are present in five nations and are ready to assist.”

*About ALFA International*

ALFA International is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA’s membership is comprised of 132 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 47 non U.S. based firms) employing over 9,000 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, across Europe, Latin America, South America, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Rim. ALFA’s basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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