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ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Expands With First Member in Sub-Saharan Africa

Leading firm, *Sterling Partnership* becomes newest member in Nigeria

(January 11, 2010) –ALFA International is pleased to announce the addition of **Sterling Partnership** as the exclusive member law firm for ALFA International in Nigeria.

Sterling Partnership is an 18-lawyer business focused law firm with a main office in Lagos, Nigeria and a second office in Abuja, Nigeria. The firm’s main areas of practice are in Energy Law, Dispute Resolution, Corporate & Commercial Law, Maritime & Environmental Law, Public & International Law and Real Estate Law.

According to Richard Hetke, ALFA International’s CEO, “Nigeria is central to business development and growth across Africa and an important location for a strong ALFA law firm such as our newest member, **Sterling Partnership**. With the addition of the **Sterling Partnership** we take the critical first step as we expand our membership in Africa.”

Ms. Boma Ozobia (boma.ozobia@sterlingpartnershipng.com), the ALFA International Contact Partner at **Sterling Partnership** stated, “We welcome this opportunity to provide attentive legal and business services to the clients of our fellow ALFA International members from around the world.”

About ALFA International

ALFA International, the global legal network, (www.alfainternational.com) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 133 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 48 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, Africa and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International'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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