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ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Welcomes New Member in Paraguay, *Berkemeyer Attorneys & Counselors*

(January 14, 2010) –ALFA International is pleased to announce the addition of **Berkemeyer Attorneys & Counselors** (www.berke.com.py) to its network of leading global law firm members. **Berkemeyer** will serve as the exclusive member law firm for ALFA International in Paraguay.

Founded in 1951, **Berkemeyer** is a 30-lawyer firm located in Asunción, Paraguay. The firm has a broad array of international and local clients and has gained a sterling reputation for quality, skill and professionalism. **Berkemeyer** provides legal advice on virtually all areas of law, including General Practice: Mergers & Acquisitions, Commercial Contracts, Employment, Environmental, Energy & Telecommunication, Investment, Finance, Commercial Transactions, Franchising, Licensing and Agency Law, Corporate Finance, Joint Ventures, Project Finance, Private Equity. A large part of their practice is focused on Intellectual Property issues including: Trademarks, Patents, Life Science, Copyright Protection, Utility Models and Industrial Models and Designs, Domain Names, Franchising, Enforcement, Unfair Competition and Civil Law & Intellectual Property Litigation, Sanitary Registrations. A majority of the firm's lawyers are multilingual, speaking Spanish, English, German, French, Portuguese, Italian and Japanese, which facilitates efficient and expeditious communication.

According to Richard Hetke, ALFA International's CEO, "With the addition of the **Berkemeyer Law Firm** in the nation of Paraguay, we add a critical component to our

much expanded representation throughout South America. This firm presents the level of expertise and depth that businesses around the globe seek when selecting a tier-one legal service provider. ”

Hugo T. Berkemeyer (hugo.tberkemeyer@berke.com.py) the newly named ALFA International Contact Partner at **Berkemeyer** stated, “At **Berkemeyer**, our absolute goal is to ensure the needs of our clients are met with excellent, innovative and efficient legal services and solutions, while focusing on the new challenges of local and international markets. We feel that our membership in ALFA International will help us achieve that goal and we look forward to actively participating.”

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, 47 non U.S. based firms) employing over 8,500 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 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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