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IGAF WORLDWIDE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER FIRM IN CLEVELAND

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — October 1, 2008 — IGAF Worldwide is pleased to announce that Howard, Wershbale & Co. is the newest member firm to join the association's North American Region.

Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, with additional offices in Columbus, Ohio, Howard, Wershbale & Co.'s 16 principals and 73 employees pride themselves on bringing a unique mix of business, entrepreneurial, and technical skills to their services in accounting and auditing, tax, valuation and litigation services, and management consulting. Industry sectors of particular expertise for the firm include healthcare, not-for-profits, manufacturing and distribution, wealth management, real estate and construction, professional services, and technology companies.

The firm is proud of its status as a "NorthCoast 99 Award" winner for the fourth year in a row, honoring the firm as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio. The firm has also been honored on numerous occasions as "Best of the Best" in the Inside Public Accounting annual listing of the Top 25 performing CPA firms in the nation. For more information about Howard, Wershbale & Co., visit the firm's Web site at www.hwco.com.

"Our objective is to provide superior networking, information sharing, and services to our member firms, with the result that IGAF Worldwide members are regularly numbered among the great accounting firms worldwide," said Kevin Mead, IGAF Worldwide Executive Director. "We are pleased to welcome Howard, Wershbale & Co. to our association, and we are excited to offer member firms' clients representation in Cleveland through IGAF Worldwide. This firm's tremendous expertise and perspective will be of great value to all IGAF Worldwide members and their clients around the globe."

IGAF Worldwide is the strongest association of independent accounting firms in the world, comprised of over 150 highly successful independent public accounting firms in 61 countries. Founded in 1977, IGAF Worldwide provides member firms with tools and resources to help them furnish superior accounting, auditing, and management services to clients around the globe. Through IGAF Worldwide, member firms offer the strength and capabilities of a large, worldwide organization with technical depth and geographic reach impossible for a local firm alone.

For more information about IGAF Worldwide and the services it offers its member firms and their clients, visit the IGAF Worldwide Web site at www.igafworldwide.org.

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