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White Collar Crime Study On Embezzlement Cases Released

Boston & New York – January 16, 2009 – Marquet International Ltd.

announced today that it has released a white collar crime study on major embezzlement cases active in 2008. The study has some noteworthy findings, including:

- The average loss was more than \$2.2 million; the median loss was \$500,000.
- Nearly 60 percent of the incidents involved female perpetrators
- However, male perpetrators accounted for more than 75 percent of all the losses
- 40 – 49 year olds caused nearly 50 percent of all the losses
- Nearly 25 percent of all losses were inflicted upon financial institutions
- Nearly half of the incidents were committed by employees who held finance & accounting positions
- The average scheme lasts nearly 4 ½ years

The Marquet International study examined 174 major embezzlement cases active in the US in 2008 – those with more than \$100,000 in losses. “We were a little surprised to see that such a high percentage of incidents were perpetrated by women,” said Christopher T. Marquet, CEO of Marquet International.

“Nevertheless, since men accounted for three-quarters of the losses, the glass

ceiling still exists as senior executives accounted for a disproportionately higher theft rate. Or perhaps men are just better at stealing.”

A copy of the study can be obtained by calling (917) 733-1038 or e-mailing a request to info@marquetinternational.com. Marquet International also publishes a white collar crime blog at <http://fraudtalk.blogspot.com> which chronicles a variety of active cases in the news. For more information about the firm, go to www.marquetinternational.com.

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