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Real Estate Due Diligence Veterans Launch DECA Real Estate Advisors in Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles

Company Emphasizes Expertise, National Coverage Area and Range of Services Including Property Condition Assessments, Phase I ESAs, Construction Monitoring

Washington, D.C. – January 23, 2008 – DECA Real Estate Advisors (DECA) has officially launched its business with offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles to provide national and major market coverage to the commercial real estate industry. To date, DECA has completed work for Natixis Real Estate Capital Inc. and Merrill Lynch Capital, Real Estate Finance.

DECA's founding partners – Jeff Doss, Elliott Gross and Christopher O'Dea – are real estate due diligence veterans with more than 50 combined years of engineering, construction management and environmental experience. The company specializes in Property Condition Assessments, Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and other services including, Construction Monitoring, Project Plan and Cost Review, Expert Witness Testimony, Third-Party Desktop Review and Owner's Representation.

“DECA's goal is to become the due diligence consultant of choice for evaluations of property acquisitions, major renovations or feasibility evaluations for new development,” Doss said. “Our experience and value-add approach helps lenders, property owners and asset managers more effectively manage their assets. We understand the importance of delivering prompt, clear, accurate assessments of the engineering, construction and environmental conditions of a property.”

DECA's founders have an extensive range of due diligence experience in major national and international markets, including the following highlights:

- Doss has over 15 years of experience in the due diligence industry, having performed and managed over 1,000 environmental site assessments for residential, commercial and industrial properties throughout the continental United States and internationally. Prior to launching DECA, he worked for Velocity Consulting, AquaTerra and others in Oregon, Maryland and New York City, ultimately running the New York City-based national headquarters for AquaTerra and serving as Director of Marketing for Velocity. He also

has been a senior reviewer for several major lenders, including C. S. First Boston (now Credit Suisse), Merrill Lynch, Natixis Real Estate Capital Inc., Citigroup and Greenwich Capital.

- Gross, a registered professional engineer (P.E.), has more than 20 years of experience with engineering assessments, construction and environmental issues. He has performed and/or managed thousands of PCAs and related due diligence reports, and prepared dozens of construction administration reports. Prior to DECA, he was a Senior Program Director for EBI Consulting and the Engineering Director at Certified Environments, Inc. He has performed many specialty services for clients, provided expert court testimony, and served as a senior engineering reviewer for major lenders including Credit Suisse, Bear Stearns, Prudential Mortgage Capital, Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Citigroup.
- O’Dea has more than 13 years of experience in the engineering and real estate fields, working for a national real estate lender, ownership of a prominent Manhattan real estate portfolio, and serving as a consultant for Property Condition Assessments and monitoring construction projects. Prior to launching DECA, he was a Construction Risk Analyst for Merrill Lynch, managing construction- and renovation-related issues in a credit and portfolio role. Before Merrill, he worked as an Owner’s Representative for Wien Malkin, LLP, overseeing capital improvement projects for a prominent Manhattan commercial real estate portfolio. He also has been a Due Diligence Consultant and performed over 750 Property Condition Assessments for commercial real estate projects throughout the United States and Canada.

About DECA Real Estate Advisors

DECA was founded in 2007 by experienced real estate due diligence veterans for the purpose of providing personalized and exceptional senior-level engineering and environmental-oriented consulting services for real estate lenders, owners and asset managers engaged in the acquisition, operation, financing, or development of Commercial Real Estate. With more than 50 years combined national and major market experience, DECA’s principals have the expertise and professionalism to help clients more effectively manage their assets. The DECA approach is to surpass clients’ expectations, identify pertinent issues for clients’ business decisions, and offer superior solutions. DECA has offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles that provide Property Condition Assessments, Construction Monitoring Services, Environmental Site Assessments and related work in major national commercial real estate markets, including metropolitan New York and the Northeast, Southern California, the Southeast (including Florida, Atlanta and Charlotte), Texas, and Chicago. For more information, please visit www.decaadvisors.com.

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