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**UPDATE: PAULSON INVESTMENT'S 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WESTERGAARD  
SMALLCAP CONFERENCE TO SHOWCASE EMERGING INDUSTRY  
LEADERS**

*Hosted by Paulson Investment Company, Inc. and Dutton Associates,  
Event Scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006 in New York City*

**NEW YORK, NY - (Market Wire) - October 30, 2006** - Paulson Investment Company, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paulson Capital Corp. ("Paulson") (Nasdaq:PLCC), and Dutton Associates today issued the following updates and finalized list of presenters for **Paulson Investment's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Westergaard SmallCap Conference**.

The Conference will showcase small and emerging growth companies focused on establishing leadership in a broad range of industry sectors, including alternative energy, security, technology, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, environmental and consumer products. Founded in 1978 by noted small cap analyst John Westergaard, this conference provides a venue for select small cap companies to share detailed insight into their business operations, short and long term growth strategies, and industry vision.

Hundreds of investment professionals have already pre-registered to attend the one-day conference. Space is limited, so investment professionals interested in attending are encouraged to pre-register for the event. For more information or to pre-register, please visit [www.westergaardsmallcap.com](http://www.westergaardsmallcap.com).

**EVENT AT A GLANCE:**

**WHEN:** Monday, November 6, 2006 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. ET

**WHERE:** Waldorf-Astoria Hotel  
301 Park Avenue (Between 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>)  
New York City

**KEYNOTE**

**SPEAKER:** Stephen Moore, senior economics writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and economic commentator for CNBC TV. The author of four books, including, most recently, "It's Getting Better All the Time: The 100 Greatest Trends of the Last Century," Moore has also served as a senior fellow in economics at the Cato Institute, where he had published dozens of studies in federal budget and tax policy. (Previously announced keynote speaker, Lawrence Kudlow, will not be presenting, due to a conflict related to reporting of the national elections.)

This year's conference will play host to companies scheduled to give multiple presentations throughout the day to small, informal groups of investment professionals. Confirmed presenting companies will include:

American Mold Guard, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMGI)  
Ampex Corporation (NASDAQ:AMPX)  
Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:ASTI; BSX:AKC)  
AspenBio Pharma, Inc. (OTCBB:APNB)  
AVI BioPharma, Inc. (NASDAQ:AVII)  
Baldwin Technology Co., Inc. (AMEX:BLD)  
Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (NASDAQ:CTHR)  
Chembio Diagnostic, Inc. (OTCBB:CEMI)  
Converted Organics, Inc. (Not Publicly Traded)  
DayStar Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:DSTI)  
DXP Enterprises, Inc. (NASDAQ:DXPE)  
Elron Electronic Industries, Ltd. (NASDAQ:ELRN)  
GigaBeam Corporation (NASDAQ:GGBM)  
Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ:GPRE)  
Harbin Electric, Inc. (OTCBB:HRBN)  
ICOP Digital, Inc. (NASDAQ:ICOP; NYSE Arca: ICOP)  
INX, Inc. (NASDAQ:INXI)  
Lumera Corporation (NASDAQ:LMRA)  
Memry Corporation (AMEX:MRY)  
MorphoSys AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: MOR; Prime Standard Segment, TecDAX)  
Midway Gold Corp. (TSX:MDW)  
Nephros, Inc. (AMEX:NEP)  
Neuralstem, Inc. (Not publicly traded)  
Nymox Pharmaceutical Corporation (NASDAQ:NYMX)  
QPC Lasers, Inc. (OTCBB:QPCI)  
Shumate Industries, Inc. (OTCBB:SHMT)  
Seabridge Gold, Inc. (AMEX: SA)  
Taser International, Inc. (NASDAQ:TASR)  
Universal Guardian Holdings, Inc. (OTCBB:UGHO)  
Vaughan Foods, Inc. (Not Publicly Traded)

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