

UPDATE: PAULSON INVESTMENT'S 31st ANNUAL WESTERGAARD CONFERENCE TO SHOWCASE EMERGING INDUSTRY LEADERS

PORTLAND, Ore. – (MARKET WIRE) – October 16, 2008 – Paulson Investment Company, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paulson Capital Corp. (Nasdaq:PLCC), today issued a list of confirmed companies scheduled to present at **Paulson Investment's 31st Annual Westergaard Conference** to be held in New York City.

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

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.westergaardconference.com.

EVENT AT A GLANCE:

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**
7:30 AM ET – 5:30 PM ET

WHERE: **Waldorf Astoria**
301 Park Avenue (Between 49th and 50th)
New York City

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KEYNOTE: **Lawrence Kudlow** is host of CNBC's primetime "Kudlow & Company," which airs nightly from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He is also the host of "The Larry Kudlow Show" on WABC Radio that airs Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Larry Kudlow is Chief Executive Officer of Kudlow & Co., LLC, an economic and investment research firm. He is also a nationally syndicated columnist and author. Larry Kudlow is a familiar face in Washington and on Wall Street - a renowned free market, supply-side economist armed with knowledge, vision and integrity acquired over a career spanning three decades.

There will be a breakfast analyst forum hosted by Dutton Associates from 7:30 AM ET – 8:30 AM ET to discuss emerging market trends in various industries. There will also be a closing reception, immediately following the final presentation, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM ET.

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 are:

Baldwin Technology Company, Inc. (NYSE Alternext US: BLD)
Best Energy Services, Inc. (OTCBB: BEYS)
Converted Organics, Inc. (Nasdaq: COIN)
China Energy Recovery, Inc. (OTCBB: CGYV)
EDGAR Online, Inc. (Nasdaq: EDGR)
Enable Holdings, Inc. (OTCBB: ENAB)
Healthy Fast Food, Inc. (OTCBB: HFFI)
ICOP Digital, Inc. (Nasdaq: ICOP)
INX Inc. (Nasdaq: INXI)
IntegraMed America, Inc. (Nasdaq: INMD)
IPTimize, Inc. (Pink Sheets: IPZI)
Kandi Technologies, Corp. (Nasdaq: KNDI)
MyECheck, Inc. (OTCBB: MYEC)

Mktg, Inc. (Nasdaq: CMKG)
Nanogen, Inc. (Nasdaq: NGEN)
Neoprobe Corporation (OTCBB: NEOP)
Pacific Asia Petroleum, Inc. (OTCBB: PFAP)
Patriot Scientific Corporation (OTCBB: PTSC)
Power Air Corporation (OTCBB: PWAC)
Rock Energy Resources, Inc. (OTCBB: RCKE)
SOYO Group, Inc. (OTCBB: SOYO)
The Quantum Group, Inc. (NYSE Alternext US: QGP)
TZ Limited (Pink Sheets: TZLTF)
ZAP (OTCBB: ZAAP)

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With corporate and independent retail brokerage offices located in 11 states throughout the country, Paulson Investment Company, Inc. aims to earn and build trust with retail and select institutional investors through highly customized financial portfolio management, diversified financial products and service offerings and effective administration and execution of investment strategies that specifically address individual risk tolerance levels. In addition, Paulson Investment Company, Inc.'s brokerage clients look to the firm for compelling new investment ideas in the small and emerging growth markets.

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