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**Cook Associates Opens Stamford Office
Eric Gustafson Named Managing Director**

CHICAGO, June 26, 2007 – Cook Associates, Inc., the nation’s only retained executive search and M&A advisory services firm, announced that Eric Gustafson has joined as Executive Vice President and Managing Director over the newly established Stamford, Connecticut office. “Eric’s industry expertise complements and strengthens our established practice areas. We look forward to the success of the Stamford location under Eric’s leadership,” said John Kins, Chairman & CEO.

A member of the Consumer & Retail, Industrial, and Technology practice groups within the Executive Search division of Cook Associates, Inc., Eric will be co-located in the firm’s New York and Stamford offices. Eric has nearly twenty years of retained senior management search experience as Senior Partner and practice leader in the New York and Stamford offices of Korn/Ferry International and Canny, Bowen, Inc. Prior to entering the executive search industry in 1988, Eric acquired a private business-to-business technology company and held general management and corporate human resources positions in Fortune 50 consumer and industrial organizations. He holds a degree in Economics from Lafayette College.

About Cook Associates

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