



**Birch Hill Equity Partners is pleased to announce the recent promotion of
Matt Kunica and Thecla Sweeney to Partner**

Mr. Kunica and Ms. Sweeney have both made substantial contributions to the firm in many areas. Mr. Kunica joined Birch Hill in 2003. He has taken leadership roles on Birch Hill's investments in Bio Agri Mix, Aquaterra, Hi-Pro Feeds as well as a pending investment in HomeQ. Ms. Sweeney joined Birch Hill in 2004. She has taken leadership roles on Birch Hill's investments in Mastermind Toys, Atria Networks, Ace Bakery and Secunda Canada.



Mr. Kunica has 13 years of experience in private equity and investment banking. Prior to joining Birch Hill, Mr. Kunica was an Associate in the investment banking group at Credit Suisse First Boston. Previous to that, Mr. Kunica was an Analyst in the investment banking group of BMO Nesbitt Burns. Mr. Kunica received his Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Mineral Engineering from the University of Toronto.



Ms. Sweeney has 13 years of experience in private equity, consulting and operations. Prior to joining Birch Hill, Ms. Sweeney consulted on the business case for a regional airline (Porter Airlines). Previous to that, Ms. Sweeney was a consultant at Bain & Company and she also spent three years in the Chairman's Office of George Weston Limited. Ms. Sweeney received her M.B.A. from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario where she graduated as an Ivey Scholar and her B.A. (Honours) from the University of Western Ontario.

Birch Hill Equity Partners is Canada's leading mid-market buyout firm. With C\$2.0 billion in capital under management, 20 partner companies and 31 fully realized investments since 1994, Birch Hill is the leader in long-term value creation in the Canadian mid-market. As a group, Birch Hill's partner companies represent one of Canada's largest corporate entities with over \$4.7 billion in total revenue and more than 28,000 employees.