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Charles Hutchison Joins Clarkston Consulting's Consumer Products Practice in Southern California

CARLSBAD, CA — November 30, 2006. Clarkston Consulting, a leading management and technology consulting firm, announced that Charles Hutchison joined the firm as an Associate Partner in the San Diego office. Mr. Hutchison brings 18 years of experience in strategy and systems consulting and a proven track record of satisfied clients in the consumer goods, retail, and manufacturing industries.

"Clarkston places a tremendous value on client relationships. It's evident in our 95% or higher client satisfaction* rate for the past 5 years. And it's evident in the caliber of people we attract and retain. Charles brings an enormous depth and breadth of experience helping clients such as Mars Incorporated, Target, and Ralston Purina and we are confident he will bring the same dedication and commitment to helping solve our client's most pressing needs," stated Paul Garrison, West Regional Managing Partner, Clarkston Consulting.

"Clarkston's Consumer Products industry expertise, as touted in the recent Kennedy Information ranking, is impressive," said Hutchison, "and I'm pleased to be part of a such a knowledgeable team of consultants. Clarkston's reputation for delivering measurable results for their clients and growing world-class professionals makes it an attractive place to work and make a difference."

About Clarkston Consulting

Clarkston Consulting is a leading management and technology consulting firm that provides strategic business solutions for clients within the life sciences and consumer products industries worldwide. These market leaders turn to Clarkston to help them bridge the gap between strategy and execution to sustain a competitive advantage. Clarkston is a sought-after business partner because of its recognized industry thought-leadership and superior client relationships, as measured by The Conference Board's survey on client satisfaction. For more information, visit www.clarkstonconsulting.com.

*Clarkston scored 99% overall client satisfaction rating in 2005 in an annual survey conducted by the Conference Board and has maintained a rating of 95% or higher for over 5 years. For more information, visit <http://www.clarkstonconsulting.com/news/press/archive/2006/060215.html>

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