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Cutting Costs Without Compromising Compliance Standards

International Anti-Money Laundering Conference offers Training to Optimize the Efficiency of Compliance Operations

**moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference
March 16-18, 2009, Hollywood, Florida, USA**

Miami – Dec. 17, 2008 – Today’s volatile economic environment has created unprecedented pressure on financial institutions to cut costs and increase the productivity of existing resources. Despite these demands, regulators warn of the dire consequences of cutting back on AML training and compliance.

“Penalties related to deficiencies in AML programs jumped in October – the highest in the industry since last August,” said Kieran Beer, Editor-in-Chief at moneylaundering.com. “One common link in these enforcement actions was lack of adequate AML training, which begs the question: in today’s reduced-cost environment, how can compliance departments make the most of limited budgets?”

The **moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference** in Hollywood, Fla., March 16-18, 2009, is expected to attract more than 1,200 specialists from 60 countries for three days of intensive education and networking centered around this pressing issue. The conference program focuses on identifying proven solutions to the many challenges that have arisen from the recent financial industry meltdown and mortgage crisis.

“We’ve assembled an advisory board of top AML experts such as Richard A. Small, Vice President Enterprise-Wide AML and Sanctions Risk Management with American Express and Barry M. Koch, CAMS, Senior Vice President and Bank Secrecy Act Officer with Washington Mutual to ensure the program is timely, hard-hitting and responsive to today’s most critical AML concerns,” said Beer.

Agenda highlights topics pulled straight from the headlines, including:

- **Optimizing Your Organization’s AML Compliance in a Reduced-Cost Environment**

- Examining the AML—Fraud Connection and How it's Changing the Compliance Landscape
- Streamlining Compliance with a Holistic Approach to Financial Crime Management
- Mergers and Acquisitions: How Industry Consolidation Affects Your AML Department

“Now, more than ever, it is crucial that organizations optimize the efficiency of AML operations and prevent criminals from abusing the financial system while it's in turmoil. Companies in all industry sectors are feeling the effects of the current economic crisis with no clear end in sight,” said Beer. “This conference guarantees real-life examples and tangible take-aways to ensure AML professionals have the tools they need to implement the most effective, cost-efficient programs.”

Press attendance

Accredited members of the press may obtain press credentials to attend the moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference by contacting Paula Niño at pnino@moneylaundering.com or by calling +1.305.530.0500.

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About moneylaundering.com's 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference

The moneylaundering.com 14th Annual International Anti-Money Laundering Conference attracts more than 1,200 AML professionals from 60 countries in what has become the world's largest gathering of expertise and talent in the AML field. The three-day conference has grown nearly ten-fold in attendance since its inception, with delegations from the Middle East, Asia and Africa in addition to many from North America, Europe and Latin America. The 2009 conference features over 60 speakers, 40 educational sessions and 65 sponsors and exhibitors.

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