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**HAMMOND, KENNEDY, WHITNEY & COMPANY, INC. ("HKW")
ANNOUNCES SALE OF COEUR, INC.**

Indianapolis, IN - Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney & Company, Inc. ("HKW") is pleased to announce that on October 10, 2008, it closed on the sale of Coeur, Inc. ("Coeur"). Founded in 1998, Coeur is a leading provider of innovative, high quality single patient use consumable medical products for the diagnostic imaging industry. Coeur's products include high pressure injection syringes and medical grade tubing. Coeur has been a portfolio company of HKW Capital Partners II since 2003.

The buyer is The Riverside Company, a leading worldwide private equity group, co-headquartered out of New York, NY and Cleveland, OH.

"We were very pleased to be able to get this deal closed in a challenging economic environment with such a strong result for our shareholders. Coeur was a great investment for HKW, which is a testament to the Coeur management team. The team has a proven track record of successfully integrating add-ons combined with consistent organic growth," said Jim Futterknecht, HKW Partner and Chairman of Coeur.

HKW is a private equity firm founded in 1903 and headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana with offices in New York, Chicago and Shanghai. Over the past 25 years, HKW has sponsored 34 platform management buyouts of small middle-market companies throughout North America as well as 37 add-on acquisitions. For further information about HKW and its portfolio companies, investment strategy, and team, please visit www.hkwinc.com. For further information on Coeur, please visit www.coeurinc.com.