IR Global Rankings Announces Winners in the Latin America Region for its 2007 Edition

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 /PRNewswire/ -- MZ Consult NY LLC (http://www.mz-ir.com), a leading investor relations and financial communications firm, jointly with IR Global Rankings sponsors JP Morgan, KPMG Independent Auditors and Linklaters, announces the winners for the 2007 IR Global Rankings (http://www.irglobalrankings.com) in the Latin America region. The 9th annual edition of IR Global Rankings had 145 registrants from 33 countries.

The best IR websites by technical criteria were: America Latina Logistica (Bovespa: ALLL11); GOL GOL, also best in the global industry; Banco Bradesco BBD, also best in global industry; Unibanco UBB; Braskem BAK; Homex HXM; and FEMSA FMX. Ultrapar was awarded the best IR Website in the Small/Mid Cap Category. The best website by direct vote (investors and analysts) was also America Latina Logistica (Bovespa: ALLL11), and the best online annual report was that of GOL GOL, also best in its industry. NET Servicos NETC was the best in the telecommunication industry.

Companies with the best corporate governance practices by technical criteria were: ASUR ASR, also best in its global industry; Perdigao PDA; Endesa Chile EOC; CPFL Energia CPL; Masisa MYS; TAM TAM; Ultrapar; and CSN SID.

Finally, the best financial disclosure procedures by technical criteria were: GOL GOL; NET Servicos NETC; Banco Bradesco BBD; Banco Itau; CSN SID, also best in its global industry; and Homex HXM. OHL was awarded the best in the Small/Mid Cap Category.

The IR Workshops (best practices and trends for IR websites, corporate governance and financial disclosure procedures) and the Award Ceremonies for North America, Europe and Africa will be held at the following venues and dates:

- New York, February 20 at 12:00 p.m. (NY time), address: JPMorgan - 270 Park Avenue, 49th floor - NY 10017, USA;
- Frankfurt, February 23 at 12:00 p.m. (Frankfurt), address: Linklaters - Mainzer Landstrasse 16 - 60325 - Frankfurt am Main, Germany;
- Johannesburg, February 27 at 8:00 a.m. (Johannesburg time) address: Sandton Convention Centre - Maude Street Sandown 2196 - Sandton 2146, South Africa

IR professionals can confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to irgr@mz-ir.com. The events are free of charge, but confirmation of reservations will depend on seat availability.

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