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HAMMOND, KENNEDY, WHITNEY & COMPANY ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF C&M CONVEYOR, INC.

(July 7, 2006) Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney & Company, Inc. (“HKW”) announced that the sale of C&M Conveyor, Inc. (“C&M”) was completed today. C&M of Mitchell, IN, has been a portfolio company of HKW since September 2002. The acquirer is Blue Sage Capital. Blue Sage is a Texas based private equity firm that invests in leading companies in the small end of the middle market.

Glenn Scolnik, President and CEO of HKW said, “We are pleased with our return on C&M. Jeff Smeathers and his team have built the dominant manufacturer of conveyor systems to the corrugated market. We are confident they will continue to perform well under the Blue Sage banner.”

HKW is a private equity firm founded in 1903 with offices in New York, Chicago and Indianapolis. Over the past 22 plus years, HKW has sponsored 24 platform management buy-outs of small middle market companies throughout North America. HKW currently manages a \$100 million private equity fund known as HKW Capital Partners II. Further information about HKW and its companies is available on its website at www.hkwinc.com.

Based in Mitchell, IN, C&M was founded in 1982. C&M is currently a world-leading manufacturer and supplier of material handling systems to the corrugated sheet and container industry. The company sells conveyor systems to both market leading integrated pulp and paper companies and independent corrugated producers.

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