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Ewing Bemiss & Co. Announces the Sale of AMF Bakery Systems

Richmond, Virginia — November 17, 2005 *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that it served as exclusive financial advisor to *The Dominion Companies, LLC* in the sale of assets of its AMF Bakery Systems business to a group of investors led by *Markel Corporation* (NYSE: MKL) and management.

AMF Bakery Systems is a manufacturer of a full line of commercial baking equipment for wholesale bakers of soft bread and buns including unit machines, complete systems and after-market parts, upgrade kits and service. Since *The Dominion Companies, LLC* purchased *AMF Bakery Systems* in 1996, the Company has become a market leader in bakery equipment and also expanded into industrial automation and packaging equipment. *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* advised *The Dominion Companies, LLC* on the 1996 purchase as well as six subsequent acquisitions between 1996 and 2000.

Ewing Bemiss & Co. is a financial advisory firm focused on delivering superior service and optimal results to middle market companies (\$10 - \$200 million in value). Since its 1992 founding, it has brought to bear its extensive transaction experience and relationship orientation for the benefit of clients in numerous manufacturing and services sectors. *Ewing Bemiss & Co.*'s core services include: Mergers and Acquisitions Advisory (sell side, buy side, fairness opinions), Private Financings (equity, subordinated debt, senior debt) and Advisory Services (strategic, valuations, financial restructurings).

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