

Press Release

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Ewing Bemiss & Co. Announces the Sale of Corporate Project Resources, Inc.

Richmond, Virginia — July 25, 2005 *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that Aquent, the largest creative staffing firm in the world, has acquired Corporate Project Resources, Inc. (CPRi), the largest national firm to deliver interim marketing staffing to Fortune 500 companies. The acquisition creates the largest marketing and creative staffing firm in the world, and will allow companies to meet virtually all of their global marketing staffing needs with a single, comprehensive resource. “Aquent and CPRi are perfect complements for one another,” said John Chuang, CEO of Aquent. “With CPRi, we will be able to provide clients with a greater breadth of marketing talent for their needs on an international basis. We can now support the marketing staffing needs of nearly any company, whoever and wherever they are.” Ewing Bemiss & Co. served as exclusive financial advisor to Corporate Project Resources, Inc. on this transaction.

CPRi is the largest national firm to deliver interim marketing and creative insourcing to Fortune 500 companies, providing clients with flexible staffing services on an individual or departmental basis. With five regional offices and thousands of qualified marketers on call, the company supplies world-class organizations with experienced, high-caliber professionals specializing in data analysis, product/brand management, research, merchandising, event planning, marketing communications, and channel strategies.

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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