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Bukaty Property & Casualty Services Acquires Local Firm
Consolidated operations will be headquartered at Bukaty Companies

Leawood, KS (Jan. 9, 2007) – Bukaty Property & Casualty Services Inc., a division of Bukaty Companies, announced today the acquisition of Marino & Associates, a property and casualty firm with a 24-year history in the metropolitan area.

The acquisition, which was finalized January 8, substantially increases Bukaty’s current block of property and casualty business and gives Bukaty clients access to new risk management markets and more competitive pricing.

“Our vision is to be the premier property and casualty broker firm in the Kansas City metro,” said Mike Sikora, managing principal of Bukaty Property & Casualty Services, Inc. “This strategic acquisition is an important next step.”

Founded in 1983, Marino & Associates specializes in commercial and personal lines of insurance. Operations will be consolidated over the course of the next two months and employees will work from Bukaty Companies’ headquarters located at 11221 Roe in Leawood, Kan.

Bukaty Property & Casualty Services, Inc. core services include commercial and personal lines. Bukaty has partnered with major national and international insurers including ACE, Lloyd’s of London, Zurich, Philadelphia, CNA, Allied, St. Paul Travelers, Safeco, and others. Since 2005, the business has more than doubled.

The Kansas City Business Journal ranked Bukaty Property & Casualty Services, Inc. as #17 on the “Top 25 Area Independent Insurance Agencies (ranked by 2005 property/casualty premium volume).

About Bukaty:

Founded in 1991 by Mike Bukaty, Bukaty Companies is one of the Kansas City area’s largest and most successful insurance brokers. From its early beginnings as a three-person office, the business has grown to more than 65 employees representing more than 1,500 clients. Bukaty Companies services include: Employee Benefits, Retirement Plans & Investing, Benefits Administration, Human Resource Consulting, Property & Casualty, and Individual Health & Life.

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