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H.J. BAKER & BRO., INC. APPOINTS ARTHUR BENTLEY TO NEW DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT POSITION

**As H.J. Baker Continues to Increase Sales It Appoints Director of Business
Development to Seek Out New Growth Opportunities**

WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT, USA – (September 2, 2009) – H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc. announced that it has appointed Arthur (Art) Bentley to the new position of Director, Business Development. In this role, he will work on strategic initiatives designed to drive H.J. Baker’s customer-focused profitable growth.

Art comes to H.J. Baker with 13 years of corporate finance experience in investment banking, commercial banking and commercial lending. Most recently, he spent 7 years at GE Commercial Finance where he executed mergers, acquisitions and divestitures as well as corporate lending with a focus on corporate and energy financing opportunities. Prior to that, he held merger and acquisition advisory roles with The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank and WestMerchant Bank.

Christopher V. B. Smith, President and CEO of H.J. Baker stated: “We are very excited to have Art join our team. Art’s expertise and practice will be integral as he helps develop and lead new growth strategies that take advantage of opportunities in our core business and related agricultural proficiencies. He is exactly the type of team player we were looking for as we proactively examine new growth options.”

Art Bentley stated: “I am very pleased to be joining an industry leader such as H.J. Baker. My goal is create the best deals possible across all of our product lines. I know that we will be continuing to build on their reputation of more than 150 years of superior products and commitment to customer service. As we work to expand H.J. Baker, maintaining that reputation will be paramount.”

Art received his B. A. from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, NY and an M.B.A from Syracuse University. He served for more than 11 years in the United States Army Reserve, ultimately earning the rank of Captain.

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H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc. is an expert in feed, fertilizer and sulphur. For more than 150 years, H.J. Baker has been mobilizing resources and providing outstanding products to agriculture industry throughout the world. The company's strategically located processing plants, offices and warehouses create a super-efficient pipeline for the vital commodities and products that it sources, manufactures and markets

For deal consideration and opportunities including: mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliance opportunities, please contact Art Bentley at 203-682-9211

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