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### **RSM INTERNATIONAL INCREASES GLOBAL COVERAGE WITH NEW MEMBER FIRM BASED IN KENYA AND TANZANIA**

RSM International, the 7<sup>th</sup> largest worldwide audit, tax and consulting network of independent firms, has strengthened its client service offering in Africa by admitting RSM Ashvir and RSM Ashvir Consulting Ltd ('Ashvir') to the network's increasing global membership.

RSM Ashvir is rated among the top ten firms in Kenya and Tanzania with six partners/directors supported by 60 staff providing client services from offices in Nairobi, Mombasa and Dar es Salaam. RSM International already has representation in seven other African countries.

Jean Stephens, CEO, RSM International said "We are delighted to admit a firm that shares our commitment to providing high quality client services and supporting their clients to grow and develop their businesses. RSM Ashvir is a progressive and ambitious firm and is actively involved in shaping and setting industry benchmarks in Africa. We will continue to build our presence in the important African economies in the future."

Providing a full range of audit and assurance, consulting, company secretarial tax as well as International Financial Reporting Standards services, RSM Ashvir reported 65 percent growth in 2008. The firm has in depth experience of providing professional services to a range of sectors including real estate development, financial institutions, manufacturing, retail, leasing and financing. The firm has also been instrumental in defining standards set out for audit practices within Kenya and particularly with the Kenya Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Ashif Kassam, Managing Partner of RSM Ashvir said: "We are very excited to be a part of RSM International and look forward to working alongside other member firms on the continent, and around the world. We are confident that our clients will benefit immensely from gaining access to RSM's technical expertise around the globe."

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### About RSM International

RSM International is a worldwide network of independent accounting and consulting firms. RSM International and its member firms are separate and independent legal entities. RSM International does not itself provide accounting or consultancy services. All such services are provided by affiliate members practising on their own account.

RSM is represented by affiliate independent members in 72 countries and brings together the talents of over 30,000 individuals in over 730 offices worldwide. The network's total fee income of US\$3.62bn places it amongst the top seven international accounting organisations worldwide. Affiliate member firms are driven by a common vision of providing high quality professional services, both in their domestic markets and in serving the international professional service needs of their client base.

RSM International is a member of the Forum of Firms. The objective of the Forum of Firms is to promote consistent and high quality standards of financial and auditing practices worldwide.

### About RSM Ashvir and RSM Ashvir Consulting Limited

RSM Ashvir has two offices in Kenya (the capital Nairobi and the main port Mombasa) and one office in Tanzania's capital, Dar es Salaam. There is a total of 60 staff, including three partners, providing audit and assurance, consulting, company secretarial and tax services. Clients are largely drawn from the real estate development, financial institutions, leasing and financing, manufacturing and retail sectors. The firm provides International Financial Reporting Standards services where applicable.

RSM Ashvir is recognised for its ethics, values and professionalism with a strong culture of personalised and partner-led quality service, supported by investment in its human capital and information technology.

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