



## **American Stock Transfer & Trust Company Hires Thomas Kies as Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (“AST”) announced today that it has hired Tom Kies as Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning for the company. Tom will be based in AST’s headquarters in New York and will primarily be focused on product enhancements and strategic acquisitions in the shareholder communications, proxy, corporate governance, corporate actions and asset reunification industries.

“We are very pleased to have Tom join the company,” said Mark Healy, President and CEO of AST. “He is an excellent addition to our team of equity services professionals. We consider him an invaluable addition to our executive team, and look forward to utilizing his creativity and vast industry experience.”

“They have an energy and entrepreneurial spirit that will generate great things for this industry,” said Kies. “I look forward to assisting the growth of business by adding to the list of services AST offers clients and to introducing those capabilities to my contacts, both corporate and legal.”

Prior to joining AST, Tom was a co-founder and partner of the Laurel Hill Advisory Group, a specialized strategic consulting and advisory services firm providing a full range of proxy solicitation, information agent services and shareholder response programs. He has over twenty-eight years of experience in investor relations and the proxy solicitation industry. Prior to founding Laurel Hill, Tom was an Executive Vice President of Georgeson/Computershare.

Mr. Kies is a member of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals, currently serving on the Education Committee and former President of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. He is also a member of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI), Canadian Investor Relations Institute, Securities Transfer Association (STA), Edison Electric Institute, Shareholder Services Association (SSA) and The American Gas Association.

AST services over 2,800 public companies and maintains shareholders’ records for approximately 6,000 issues. AST is part of a global network of transfer agent and employee plan providers known as the LINK Group.

AST provides comprehensive stock transfer solutions including dividend disbursing, dividend reinvestment plans, restricted stock plans, stock option and employee stock purchase plan administration, proxy services, closed-end fund services and all types of corporate actions. Debt services include escrow agent, corporate trustee, and investment management services. All aspects of service, including investor relations, reconciliation, print and mail functions are housed in one location, owned by AST.

AST was founded in 1971 as the American Stock Transfer & Trust Company and is headquartered in New York, NY.

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