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**MILESTONE MERCHANT PARTNERS HIRES JEFFREY M. LEVINE AS A  
MANAGING DIRECTOR TO OPEN MIAMI OFFICE**

**Washington, DC, Miami, FL (November 18, 2002)** -- Milestone Merchant Partners, LLC, a national investment and merchant bank headquartered in Washington DC, and its broker-dealer subsidiary, Milestone Advisors, LLC, has announced today that Jeffrey M. Levine has joined Milestone as a Managing Director. Mr. Levine will open a Miami office for the firm and will be joined by Michael J. Henry who will be a Vice President of Milestone. Mr. Levine's practice will include representing mortgage and other specialty finance companies, nationwide, on merger and acquisition transactions and related advisory engagements. In addition, Mr. Levine will introduce Milestone's bank and thrift advisory services to financial institutions in the Southeast.

Prior to joining Milestone, Mr. Levine was Managing Director of BayView Financial Advisory Services, a boutique investment banking firm specializing in the mortgage banking industry. Mr. Levine spent the last 11 years at Bayview and, since 1998, managed BayView's Mergers & Acquisitions practice. Mr. Levine has completed over 35 mortgage banking company transactions in his career. Prior to joining BayView, Mr. Levine managed the Mortgage Warehouse Lending division of Southeast Bank, N.A. Mr. Levine received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida. He and his wife Dalia live in North Miami Beach, Florida with their 15-year old daughter Ivana. Mr. Levine is active in local community and philanthropic organizations and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.

Michael J. Henry, CFA, was formerly a Vice President at BayView where he managed their mortgage analytics department. Prior to joining BayView, Mr. Henry was a corporate banker

at Key Bank, NA. and Fleet Bank. Mr. Henry holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Bonaventure University and a Master of Science in Finance from Boston College.

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