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WORLD SEARCH GROUP AGM SETS NEW GOALS FOR 2009

Toronto, Canada – December 4, 2008 --- World Search Group (WSG) held its largest attended Annual General Meeting and Conference in Cape Town, South Africa last month, setting the stage for branding, targeted recruitment, best practice sharing and integration of processes in 2009.

The host member firm, **Cycan (Pty) Ltd.** of Johannesburg, welcomed more than 50 participants from 22 countries representing all of its global regions. Member firms from the Americas Region included Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and the United States; from the Asia-Pacific Region were firms from Australia, India and China; and from the Europe/Middle East/Africa Region members from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

“With a 35 percent growth in membership since this time last year, it was great to welcome our eight new member firms with their enthusiastic and entrepreneurial flair,” said Jim Carlisle, Chair of World Search Group and Partner at Western Management Consultants, Toronto, Canada.

Executive Committee appointments for the coming year were ratified in the Business Session as follows:

Chair – Jim Carlisle, Western Management Consultants Toronto

Treasurer – Brian Clarke, Kensington International, Chicago

Secretary – Malcolm Coates, MC Consulting International, Paris and London

Regional Director, The Americas – Xavier de Zamacona, DeZa Search, Mexico City
Regional Director, Asia-Pacific – David Slessar, The Walford Partnership, Sydney
Regional Director, Europe/Middle East/Africa – Lesley Parker, Cygan (Pty) Ltd.,
Johannesburg.

As a result of the many breakout and business networking sessions held during the Conference, the key themes for the Group moving forward in 2009 will be on branding, filling out the globe, sharing best practices and integrating members' approach to recruitment, assessment and retention.

World Search Group's Annual General Meeting and Conference will take place in November 2009 in Brazil. It will be hosted by Brazil Executive Search of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Curitiba.

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The World Search Group is an international strategic alliance of independent retained executive search firms with members in virtually every international market, finding the right person, for the right position, at the right time. With members now in close to 40 cities, World Search Group ranks among the top 20 executive search organizations in the world*.

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*2007 top 20 – *search-consult* magazine

*2006 top 25 – Hunt-Scanlon's *Executive Search Review*

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