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Toronto, Canada – September 16, 2008 --- World Search Group (WSG) will hold its Annual General Meeting and Conference in Cape Town, South Africa November 5 – 8, 2008. This will be the largest gathering of participants in the World Search Group’s history, having recently acquired eight new member firms from around the globe.

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

CEO of Cycan, Bryan Hattingh, is thrilled to have the privilege of hosting World Search Group members in his country, noting that: “South Africa is a beautiful, diverse and significant region for our colleagues to experience first-hand. Our Cycan team looks forward to welcoming WSG colleagues and hopes to provide a memorable trip for participants.”

The conference will include breakout sessions designed to encourage members to get to know their newest colleagues, to stimulate interaction amongst all members, and to determine strategic action items for the Group in the coming year. Recent Executive Committee appointments will also be ratified in the business meeting.

Guest speaker Bruce MacLaren will address conference participants following the business meeting November 8. Mr. MacLaren is a veteran of the IT industry with extensive corporate and international experience, as well as first-hand knowledge of competitive sports, African wildlife and personal adversity. He is a well-known speaker in South Africa who will share his thoughts on the need for balance in one's life. His "*Circle of Life*" talk will compare the parallels between winning in our competitive global economy and the survival strategies of the African lion.

Each year, World Search Group holds its annual meeting in a different country in order to provide maximum exposure to the host firm, as well as to share best practices and networking opportunities throughout the entire worldwide membership. The conference is for member firms only and will take place at the Twelve Apostles Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa.

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

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