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**KippsDeSanto & Co. Announces Executive Leadership Promotions**

McLean, VA - January 18, 2011 – Defense and technology investment bank KippsDeSanto & Co. today announced two executive leadership promotions including Kevin P. DeSanto as Managing Director and Marc B. Marlin as Director.

“Kevin and Marc are exceptional investment bankers at our firm and have made significant contributions in helping high-growth companies to attain their strategic and financial goals. They represent the talent and strength of our transaction advisory team,” said Bob Kipps, co-founder and Managing Director of KippsDeSanto. “We experienced a stellar year in 2010 advising on 11 completed Defense and Technology deals and are on track for continued growth and success in this New Year.”

Prior to co-founding KippsDeSanto, Kevin P. DeSanto was a Senior Vice President at Houlihan Lokey and a member of the firm’s Aerospace•Defense•Government investment banking group. In 2009, the Association for Corporate Growth’s National Capital Chapter recognized DeSanto as a finalist for Dealmaker of the Year – Investment Banker. DeSanto has a significant depth of experience in mergers and acquisitions, sales and divestitures, and strategic corporate planning.

Marc B. Marlin, also a co-founder of the firm, moves into his Director role from Vice President at KippsDeSanto. Previously he was an Associate at Houlihan Lokey and member of the firm’s Aerospace•Defense•Government investment banking group. Marlin also has previous experience with Harris Williams, JPMorganChase, and the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group.

**About KippsDeSanto & Co.**

KippsDeSanto & Co. is an investment bank focused on delivering exceptional results for leading, growth oriented defense and technology companies. We leverage our creativity and industry experience to provide M&A, private financing, and strategic consulting. KippsDeSanto’s team has advised on over 100 transactions totaling more than \$10 billion in deal value. Capitalizing on real-time industry trends and in-depth technical and strategic analysis, our solutions-driven approach is highly structured and uniquely tailored to each client. KippsDeSanto is recognized for its market insight and broad industry relationships. We help market leaders realize their full strategic value. KippsDeSanto, member [FINRA/SIPC](#), is not affiliated with other companies mentioned herein. For more information, visit [www.kippsdesanto.com](http://www.kippsdesanto.com).