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**Brazil's Top 25 Strategic Infrastructure Projects
Including "Infrastructure in Ethanol Country"
The 1° Annual Brazil Leadership Forum
"Strategic Infrastructure for Growth and Competitiveness"**

Washington, DC – October 12, 2006 – The 1st Annual Brazil Leadership Forum – featuring Brazil's Top 25 strategic infrastructure projects, the top 10 integration projects (linking Brazil to the Pacific Ocean), and the key infrastructure projects in 'ethanol country' – will be held on November 29th and 30th, 2006 at the Latin American Parliament in São Paulo, Brazil.

"We are bringing the Leadership Forum to São Paulo because we see a significant demand for infrastructure in Brazil at a time when Brazil's sustained competitiveness depends on successful integration with the global economy," said Norman Anderson, President & CEO of CG/LA Infrastructure LLC. "Brazil invests roughly 1.5% of its GDP in infrastructure, and that figure needs to rise to 5-6% of GDP in the next five years." The Leadership Forum combines a focus on projects, with pre-scheduled meetings between registrants and project decision-makers, and very significant business development opportunities for the private and public sectors.

The Top 25 Strategic Projects, 5 Sectors: The Brazil Leadership Forum spotlights the top 25 strategic infrastructure projects in the following project categories: oil & gas; ports & logistics; water and sanitation; power generation & electricity; and Latin American integration. Total project value is \$27.4 billion; all project presenters are available for private meetings during the two days of the Leadership Forum.

The Top People: Joining the top project decision-makers are key financial and public policy professionals, including: Demian Fiocca, President of BNDES; Roberto Abdenur, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States; Joaquim Levy, Vice President of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Brazilian state secretaries from seven leading states, including São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais; and directors of leading companies, including FC Stone do Brasil, Celig, Comgas, Sabesp, Petrobras, CPTM, Transpetro, Dedini and Copasa.

"Brazil has lit the fuse on its Public-Private Partnership program, and the best of these projects will be presented at the Forum," said Anderson. "The timing is right, given pent-up demand, a new federal government, and the overall strong country and company accounts after four years of strong export-led growth."

The Top Sponsors: The Leadership Forum provides unique opportunities for sponsors, and the Brazil Leadership Forum features the best 12 infrastructure firms working in Brazil including: Diamond sponsor SAS; Platinum Sponsor Caixa Econômica Federal; and Gold sponsors

BNDES, Banco do Brasil; Control Risks, DEPFA Bank, FC Stone, General Electric, the Inter-American Development Bank, the law firm of Lacaz Martins, Panalpina Panprojects, and West LB Bank. Fitch Ratings, a premium ratings service, is sponsoring the “rich network” breaks.

The Top 3 Workshops: The Brazilian Ministry of Planning will be moderating a Day 2 roundtable discussion of PPP priorities and mechanisms; the Inter-American Development Bank will host an exclusive workshop for the leading EPC companies, OEMs and Financial entities involved with the 10 priority IIRSA Latin American integration projects; and SAS will host a third workshop, “Optimizing Performance in Your Organization”, showcasing leadership tools for Performance Management.

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