



KBC APPOINTS KARL BARTHOLOMEW TO STRATEGIC CONSULTING POSITION

London, UK and Houston, Texas, USA – (February 4, 2009) – KBC Advanced Technologies plc (KBC) announces the appointment of Karl Bartholomew to Principal Consultant of Strategic Consulting.

Mr Bartholomew, formerly president and managing director of Pace Consultants, Inc. (now Jacobs Consultancy, Inc.) and a widely-recognized expert in the economics of technical planning, management, and valuation of refining, petrochemicals, raw materials, and natural gas operations, will use his 30 years of industry experience to assist the Strategic Consulting group at KBC.

Mr Bartholomew has served as an expert technical witness before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in energy litigation, and he has provided support on behalf of others for numerous regulatory and arbitration panels, including various property tax venues in appraisal negotiations and insurance industry negotiations.

“We are pleased that Karl has joined KBC. His specialized expertise and broad industry knowledge make him a great addition to the team,” commented KBC CEO, George Bright.

Mr. Bartholomew holds an MBA from Houston Baptist University and a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of South Carolina. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas and certified as an Accredited Senior Appraiser with the American Society of Appraisers. In addition, Karl is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors – certified in business/technical valuation.

About KBC:

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