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JULES KROLL | Founder & Chairman, K2 Global Partners

Mr. Kroll has recently founded a credit ratings company and new venture called K2 Global Partners, which will perform intelligence work for corporations and other clients. He believes that there is a lack of credibility in the current rating agencies as a result of the mortgage crisis, and that more investigation could have made a difference. He is also working on a book about his career.

Mr. Kroll is the acknowledged founder of the modern investigations, intelligence, and security industry. In 1972, when he established Kroll Associated Inc., he created the prototype for a new breed of professional service firm dedicated to mitigating risk. By employing former prosecutors, law enforcement officials, journalists, and academics who utilized sophisticated fact-finding techniques to address decision-makers' needs for accurate information, Mr. Kroll established investigations and risk consulting as valuable corporate services.

In the early 1990s, Mr. Kroll gained worldwide renown for his firm's success in searching for assets hidden by Jean-Claude Duvalier, Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, and Saddam Hussein. Since 1997, his vision of providing clients with a full spectrum of risk consulting services propelled the firm's growth as a public company, in particular, its acquisition of employee screening, forensic accounting, data recovery, and corporate advisory and restructuring firms. In July 2004, Kroll was acquired by Marsh & McLennan Companies. Mr. Kroll became the Vice-Chairman of Marsh, Chairman of Kroll Inc. and a member of the MMC International Advisory Board until his retirement in 2008.

Mr. Kroll is a frequent speaker on the subject of risk management and security and has appeared in numerous media outlets throughout the world.

The recipient of many awards throughout his career, Mr. Kroll was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Cornell University in 2003 and was honored with the U.S. Entrepreneurial Award by British American Business Inc. in 2002. He was the recipient of the John Carroll Award from Georgetown University in April 2009.

Mr. Kroll received a B.A. degree from Cornell University in 1963 and an LL.B degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1966. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1967 and began his career as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan.

He is chairman of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Foundation and has served as chairman of the Board of Visitors of the Georgetown University Law Center. He is a former member of the Board of Regents of Georgetown University and Board of Trustees of Cornell University.