

***Matrix Capital Markets Group's  
Energy & Multi-Site Retail Team Closes  
Multiple Transactions in January 2007***

RICHMOND, VA –March 1, 2007 – Matrix Capital Markets Group announced today that it's Energy & Multi-Site Retail team has successfully completed the following transactions for January, 2007:

On January 8, 2007, Matrix successfully closed on substantially all of the assets of **Southern Convenience Stores, Inc.**, a North Carolina based owner and operator of retail petroleum marketing outlets and convenience stores throughout North and South Carolina. In the summer of 2006, Matrix began marketing 68 Southern Convenience Store locations through a structured sale process. The stores sold a total of approximately 40 million gallons of motor fuels in 2005.

Mike Frost, President of Southern Convenience Stores, Inc., commented on the sale process, "Considering the complexity of Southern's operating geographies, Matrix was able to access a broad spectrum of potential buyers from across the country. I found that Matrix's proprietary buyer network was extremely important in this process."

The following week, on January 16, Matrix successfully closed on **Uni-Marts'** acquisition of 28 BP retail and wholesale fuel assets in the Youngstown, Ohio market. Matrix provided acquisition advisory services to consummate the transaction. Uni-Marts, founded in 1972 by Henry Sahakian and headquartered in State College, PA, is one of the largest, privately held petroleum marketing and convenience store operators in the U.S. With the addition of BP's Youngstown, Ohio units, Uni-Marts will have 288 units located in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio.

Also in January, Matrix successfully closed on the sale of two dozen convenience stores owned by **The Hartley Company**, a Cambridge, Ohio based owner and operator of 90 retail petroleum marketing outlets and convenience stores throughout Ohio. This divestiture was part of Hartley's plan to monetize certain assets and reposition the Company for growth.

Matrix's Energy & Multi-Site Retail Team is recognized as a national leader in providing transactional advisory services to companies in the energy and multi-site retail sectors. Team members are dedicated to these sectors and draw upon complementary experiences to complete sophisticated mergers, acquisitions, and corporate finance transactions.

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Matrix Capital Markets Group is a leading middle market investment bank headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. Since 1988, Matrix has focused on providing merger & acquisition and financial advisory services for corporate and privately-held companies, including sales and divestitures, Staged Liquidity Transactions<sup>®</sup>, management buyouts, and debt & equity placements. For additional information, please visit [www.matrixcapitalmarkets.com](http://www.matrixcapitalmarkets.com)

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