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TWO TOP SPRINGFIELD ACCOUNTING FIRMS ANNOUNCE PLANS TO MERGE

Springfield, MO – Effective November 1, 2014, KPM CPAs, PC (KPM) will merge with Hlavacek Morris McIntyre Yates & Danielson, PC (HMMYD).

This marks the second merger this year for KPM, the area's second largest accounting firm. In January, the firm merged with Davis, Lynn & Moots, resulting in a staff increase of more than 30 percent. The combined firms will boast a professional staff of more than 100 personnel and move into a newly constructed building on Republic Road and Fremont in mid-November.

Jim Lewis, Managing Shareholder of KPM stated, "Jay McIntyre and I have shared ideas about merging for more than 10 years, and I am happy to finally see it come to fruition. The merger with HMMYD further strengthens our wealth planning, business valuation and payroll practices in addition to expanding our financial institution niche to add credit unions. The professionals at HMMYD are bright, enthusiastic, and personable. They are exactly the type of people we want on board. I look forward to the opportunities this merger brings and am excited to see what the future holds for KPM."

McIntyre, managing shareholder at HMMYD added, "We are proud of our firm and the service we have provided to our clients over the past 37 years. Our practice finds itself in a unique position – to merge with a well-respected peer firm that shares similar philosophies and service areas. Although we have enjoyed great success as a small firm, merging with KPM will allow us a greater presence in recruiting young talent, increased access to technology, and added resources to support ever-changing compliance issues. This merger also enables us to expand our existing full-time focus on wealth management, an integral part of both practices. Our combined team of financial advisors will include nearly 20 registered representatives who offer securities through Cetera Financial Specialists LLC, member FINRA/SIPC. I feel this merger demonstrates our commitment to the continued growth of our wealth management practice, and I am thrilled to help lead this team with Shareholder Richard Bottorf to see where we can take it."

