

Roth Capital Partners Forms Asset Management Division, Names Research Director McBean to Head New Group

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Elevates Hoss to Director of Research

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 2, 2005--Roth Capital Partners, LLC announced today that it has appointed Gordon McBean, former Director of Research, as Director of its newly formed Asset Management Division. Assistant Director of Research Russell Hoss assumes the role of Director of Research.

"We are delighted that both Gordon and Russell have accepted these new challenges," said Byron Roth, Chairman and CEO of Roth Capital Partners. "We believe the Asset Management Division will complement our current business and we continue to be committed to investing in our research product."

The Roth Capital Partners Asset Management Division will offer a broad array of financial services to companies, their management teams, significant shareholders and employees. "We have a built-in client base of corporate clients that can benefit from our expertise," said McBean, who joined Roth Capital 3 1/2 years ago and built a team of award winning analysts recognized as leaders in the small and micro cap space.

McBean will use his expertise in asset management and his ability to identify and recruit personnel to build a group that will create a new revenue stream for Roth Capital Partners. He brings to the job 16 years of experience working with such firms as Lehman Brothers; Friedman, Billings, Ramsey; and Wells Fargo Van Kasper.

"I am honored to accept this new role," added McBean, "and extremely pleased that the firm is committed to building asset management and that it regards me as the right person to lead the charge. I feel strongly that my many years of experience in this industry have provided me with the necessary tools for the task."

Newly named Director of Research Russell Hoss has been an integral part of the success of the Roth Capital Research team for several years. As Assistant Director of Research, Hoss played a key role in growing and managing the research effort. Prior to Roth Capital, Hoss was on the buy side with Nicholas Applegate in San Diego. He graduated from the US Air Force Academy, and served five years in the Air Force, reaching a Captain's rank.

"I am delighted to accept this new challenge and look forward to continuing to build on the momentum that Gordon has helped create," said Hoss. "I work with an incredible group of very driven analysts who strive to improve every day."

In addition to his research director duties, Hoss will continue to cover the Consumer and Internet Commerce groups for Roth Capital, including such names as Ashworth, Collectors Universe, Provide Commerce, Sportsman's Guide, and Stamps.com.

About Roth Capital Partners, LLC:

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