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**CAPSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT TO FUND
\$5.3 MILLION FOR GMT TRADE Co.**

**Leader in the Granite and Marble Industry To Generate
100% Sales Increase Using Venture Merchant Banking Model**

New York, NY – February 3, 2005 – Capstone Business Credit, LLC, a venture merchant banking firm providing alternative financing to firms involved in the domestic and international trade of finished consumer and industrial products, today announced the signing of a two-year project financing agreement with GMT Trade Co., based in Lafayette, California, a leader in the import, sale and distribution of granite slabs and marble products.

The deal represents funding \$5,300,000 in purchase orders and trade finance facilities for marble and granite products. The funding will allow GMT Trade to double its sales and expand its U.S. distribution system and facilities via Capstone's structured merchant banking model. As a result of the Capstone agreement, sales for GMT Trade are projected to reach \$6,360,000 in two years.

"By providing GMT with additional working capital, the firm will be able to take advantage of growth opportunities and significantly build sales that would otherwise be unattainable without Capstone's funding," said Joseph Ingrassia, managing member of Capstone Business Credit, LLC. "This funding will allow GMT to focus on cultivating new sources of supply and maintaining good relationships with current suppliers, and ultimately" continued Ingrassia, "enable GMT to obtain funds from traditional lenders after the two-year period."

"With Capstone's funding, GMT Trade will have the ability to rapidly expand market penetration and become more competitive within our market," stated Stephen Carney, president of GMT Trade Co. "We welcome this relationship with Capstone and look forward to the bottom line results it will bring our firm and customers."

ABOUT CAPSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT, LLC

Capstone Business Credit, LLC, a privately-held, venture merchant banking firm, provides structured financing to developmental stage firms -- with typical sales of less than \$50 million -- that are involved in the domestic and international trade of finished consumer and industrial products.

Capstone uses a structured merchant finance model to provide the additional working capital required to take advantage of the incremental sales opportunities that smaller, under capitalized firms often lose, forfeiting growth opportunities.

For more information about Capstone Business Credit, visit www.capstonetrade.com

ABOUT GMT TRADE CO.

GMT Trade Co., based in Lafayette, California, has been a leader in the importing and trade business since 1991. The firm imports material from Brazil and sells and distributes granite slabs and marble products within the U.S. In addition, GMT Trade has worked with the importing of scrap metal and hand-painted Asian furniture markets with distribution channels in the U.S.

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