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**Capstone Business Credit Funds \$33.5 Million for
Outerwear Fashion and Career Uniform Manufacturer**

**Venture Merchant Banking Model Finances 'Future Growth,'
To Drive 2006 Sales for Whaling to \$20 Million**

New York, NY – March 16, 2006 – 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, \$33.5 million financing deal for Whaling, a 36-year old rainwear & outerwear fashion and career uniform manufacturer based in New York City.

Whaling provides career apparel products to NYPD, FDNY and Homeland Security among other municipalities and sells directly to specialty stores and select department stores. The Capstone deal represents 20,000,000 in factoring and \$13,500,000 in purchase order/trade finance. The financing will allow Whaling to finance production with suppliers located worldwide. With the Capstone financing in place, revenues for Whaling are expected to reach \$20 million for 2006.

“As a company, we were in transition,” said Jim Pavao, CEO of Whaling. “The combination of changing from a domestic manufacturer to an importer with a major shift in our product line from mostly fashion goods to uniform products, left our firm with several years of losses,” continued Pavao. “As a result, our credit line with our traditional asset-based lender and our suppliers became extremely tight. Our company would not exist without Capstone’s structure and alternative financing programs.”

“These financing ‘crunches’ are not uncommon among successful, growing businesses,” said John Rice, managing member of Capstone Business Credit. “In contrast to many financing options, our firm funds future sales, as well as current assets,” continued Rice. “We welcome Whaling to our growing list of progressive, successful companies.”

ABOUT CAPSTONE BUSINESS CREDIT, LLC

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

Capstone provides unique structured financial products designed to provide the additional working capital needed to take advantage of incremental sales opportunities that smaller, firms often lose, forfeiting growth opportunities.

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