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Victoria Chu Pao, President of Platts, to be Honored at Leader Connections Inaugural Executive Forum

New York, NY – March 2, 2009 – Leader Connections, which celebrates leaders who share, inspire and give back, today announced that it is honoring Victoria Chu Pao, President of Platts, the global energy industry information leader, at its inaugural Executive Forum which will take place at the University Club (1 West 54 Street in New York City) on March 10, 2009 at 6PM.

Leader Connections provides leaders at the C-level, Board and Executive Vice President levels with opportunities to connect with other leaders committed to realizing their professional and personal life potential, and thereby better serve society. It also provides emerging leaders with programs and services designed to help them build their personal brand and connect with the right leaders.

As president of Platts, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Ms. Pao is responsible for 600 employees, two-thirds of which are outside the United States, in 17 offices serving 150 countries. Focusing on brand recognition, product innovation and e-solutions, she has worked to strengthen Platts' global market position especially within international arenas like China, the Middle East, and Russia. Additionally, under Ms. Pao's leadership, Platts has extended its century-long price benchmark expertise to new focus markets such as steel, carbon emissions, liquefied natural gas, and risk. Ms. Pao's many accomplishments have been recognized at The McGraw-Hill Companies, as a member of the YWCA-NYC Academy of Women Leaders and by Asian Women in Business.

"It's my firm belief that the only way to learn is through the people that you meet and the books you read," said Savio S. Chan, co-founding Managing Director of Leader Connections. "For the last 15 years of my entrepreneurial career, I've been truly privileged to meet and know over 100 global Chairmen, CEOs and other successful leaders; what I've learned from them is truly amazing and unforgettable. My partner, Dr. Jerry Cahn, and I realized that the important skill of knowing how to connect with top leaders is not taught in any universities and learning institutions. We would like to share what we've learned and who we know through the Leader Connections platform so that others can benefit as well. This is especially important in these challenging times of finding jobs and funding new business ventures."

"It is truly an honor to be able to launch our organization with an Executive Forum celebrating the many successes Ms. Pao has had inside and outside the corporate world," said Jerry Cahn, Ph.D., J.D., the company's other co-founding Managing Director. He continued, "Ms Pao represents the kind of leader that is making an enduring difference in the world. She leads a global information company and actively promotes personal and professional growth of its employees as well as emerging leaders outside the company. Most importantly, her ability to share, inspire and give-back are truly hallmarks of successful leaders in the 21st Century."

For more information about this by-invitation-only event, contact 1-800-493-1334 or visit www.leaderconnections.com.

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