



Travelers CEO Jim Case named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2006 Pacific

BURNABY, BC, Oct. 18, 2006 – Jim Case, CEO of The Travelers Financial Group, is the recipient of the Pacific region B2B Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2006 award. Mr. Case received his award at the gala banquet held at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Mr. Case was chosen based on his leadership role as CEO of Travelers Leasing Corporation, a member of the Travelers Financial Group of Companies. The company has, since its formation in 1995, achieved outstanding success and phenomenal growth with increase in employees twenty fold from 8 to over 160, annual origination growth from \$8 million over \$200 million and geographic expansion from British Columbia only to all ten provinces.

"I am honoured and humbled by the award," said Case following the presentation. "To be chosen among so many outstanding nominees is cause for celebration and circumspection. This recognition is directly attributable to my talented management team and to the ongoing commitment of our employees in going the extra mile to deliver best in class service to our dealer partners and their customers. It is inspiring and rewarding to work with such a motivated and service-driven team who together make Travelers such a phenomenally successful and gratifying company to lead".



Jim Case serves as CEO for the Travelers Group of companies including Travelers Financial Corporation (Equipment Leasing & Finance), Travelers Automotive Finance (Vehicle Finance) and Travelers Acceptance Corporation (Consumer Finance). Each of the Travelers member companies has developed a sophisticated and meaningful range of financial products and services offered through dealer partners and structured to meet the most demanding requirements – all provided within an independent, flexible, non-bank environment. For more information about Travelers visit www.travelersfinancial.com.



Award Recipient 2006

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