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Travelers Consumer Finance Increases Vendor Support In Vancouver West and the Island

Vancouver, BC – December 19, 2005 -- Travelers Acceptance Corporation is pleased to announce that Kevin Hein has joined the company as District Sales Manager for Vancouver West and Vancouver Island. Mr. Hein's role supports demonstrates Travelers' commitment to helping its vendor partners broaden their client bases.

Kevin Hein brings to this key role more than 10 years experience in the automotive retail and insurance sectors to develop strong, mutually beneficial relationships for vendors and consumers alike.

"We are delighted to welcome Kevin Hein to the Travelers team", said Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Karl Sigerist, Jr.. "Kevin understands the importance of supporting clients to reach their goals. Vendor support is at the core of our values as we extend the benefits of consumer financing to expanded networks of vendors. Kevin is a great resource for our vendor partners in terms of ongoing maximization of consumer financing as an option for clients. "

"I welcome this opportunity to share in Travelers explosive growth in Vancouver, and to use my experience to assist channel partners in broadening their client bases with the benefits of consumer finance", said Hein.

You can reach Kevin at khein@travelersfinancial.com or by calling 800.667.6640.

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