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KippsDeSanto & Co. Announces 2014 Promotions

Tysons Corner, VA (January 21, 2014) -- KippsDeSanto & Co. announced today that the company has promoted Michael J. Misantone to Managing Director, Karl M. Schmidt to Managing Director, Robert G. Dowling to Vice President, Angelica H. Roy to Operations Manager, and Ann B. Hussey to Marketing Manager.

"These promotions are well-deserved and recognize the leadership that Michael, Karl, Robert, Angelica and Ann provide to our company and our clients," said Robert D. Kipps, Managing Director.

Mr. Misantone has devoted his career to providing strategic and financial advice for aerospace, defense, and government services companies. Prior to joining KippsDeSanto in 2008, Mr. Misantone was with the aerospace/defense and M&A groups at Wachovia Securities, Jefferies, and Credit Suisse. Mr. Misantone was an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia where he received a BA in Economics and Spanish, Phi Beta Kappa. He also earned an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

Mr. Schmidt joined KippsDeSanto & Co. in 2011 after serving as Senior Vice President in Houlihan Lokey's Washington, DC office. Mr. Schmidt served as an officer in the U.S. Army, as well as in the Pentagon on the staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, working on classified intelligence assessments and transformation efforts. Mr. Schmidt earned a BS in aerospace engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a MS in operations research from the Naval Post Graduate School, and a MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

With 15 and 30 years of industry experience, respectively, Mr. Misantone and Mr. Schmidt co-lead KippsDeSanto & Co.'s Aerospace / Defense Practice.

Mr. Dowling has more than six years of experience providing advisory services on a range of strategic and financial transactions to private and public companies in the aerospace, defense, and government services market. Before joining KippsDeSanto & Co. in 2007, Mr. Dowling was an Associate with KPMG LLP and a member of KPMG's Structured Finance group. Mr. Dowling earned a BS in Finance and Management from the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech and a MS in Finance from Boston College's Carroll School of Management.

Ms. Roy, former Administrative Assistant to the Managing Directors, has been with KippsDeSanto & Co. since 2011. In her new role, she will be responsible for personnel and support services management, IT support and management, vendor relations, and event coordination. Ms. Roy is currently enrolled at George Mason University where she is majoring in Applied Information Technology.

Ms. Hussey, former Administrative Assistant to the Managing Directors, came to KippsDeSanto & Co. in 2012 after earning her BA from Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. In her new position, she will be responsible for developing and maintaining marketing activities, including research, strategic planning, public relations, and business development.

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