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TOM CASEY retired from Ernst & Young in June 2000 after 37 years of service, more than 20 years as a partner. While with the Ernst & Young, he served in the Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia and Connecticut offices. In addition, he served as Regional Director of Services to Manufacturing Industries for clients headquartered in the region encompassing the Midwest, Northeast and Mid Atlantic states. His clients represented an extensive variety of industries including manufacturing, distribution, publishing, broadcasting, energy, natural resources and high tech. They ranged from startups to mature public companies. Mr. Casey advised these companies on a vast array of strategic transactions including public and private financings (including IPOs) and M&A activities (buyers/sellers; acquisition/divestitures).

Following retirement from E&Y, Mr. Casey joined a development stage company, CardiacAssist, Inc. (CAI) as CFO. CAI is developing a revolutionary ventricle assist device which can be installed outside the body allowing the patient's heart to rest and recover from a heart attack or maintain satisfactory heart function while bridging to the next therapy. Mr. Casey was responsible for setting up the financial structure and raised more than \$30 million in private equity, without using a banker, primarily in Europe. He served as interim CEO for several months and retired fully from this organization in 2004.

As a Partner at E&Y, Mr. Casey was precluded from serving on the board of any for profit enterprise. However, he has more than 30 years experience interacting with boards and their audit and finance committees regarding strategic transactions and corporate governance matters. He has served on many not-for-profit boards including educational institutions, community organizations, professional organizations and private clubs.

Since 2007, Mr. Casey has served as a Director of **TRC Companies, Inc.**, a NYSE listed company, and is Chair of the Audit Committee. Since 2001, he has served on the Board of **Oberg Industries**, a \$125 million privately owned manufacturing company headquartered in the Pittsburgh area, and serves as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and as a member of the Compensation Committee. He also serves as Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of **Bloodhound Investment Research**, a start-up company developing online research tools for professional investors and their advisors.