



MHT PARTNERS SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR AND WINNER FOR HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS

DALLAS, TX, October 30, 2008 – MHT Partners (“MHT”) a middle-market investment banking firm focused on businesses with enterprise values generally ranging from \$30 million to \$300 million, is pleased to announce that the sale of Authentix, Inc. (“Authentix”) has been named a finalist for the “Deal of the Year” and winner of “Healthcare/Sciences Deal of the Year” in the 7th Annual M&A Advisor Awards program sponsored by The M&A Advisor, a leading monthly newsletter that serves buyers and sellers in the middle market. Authentix was acquired by an investment group led by The Carlyle Group and J.H. Whitney & Co., existing investor Manti Resources, Inc. and Authentix’ management team.

“Our relationship with Authentix is an ongoing one that we have enjoyed developing over a more than six year period,” Mike McGill, MHT Managing Director states. “We tend to stick with our clients and they continue to want us to stick with them.”

A pioneer in the rapidly growing authentication industry, Authentix develops nanoscale-engineered markers, opto-electronic and nanophotonic detection devices and software that help its clients ensure the authenticity, integrity and safety of their products. “We helped Authentix to define the industry, lay out the competitive landscape and build its customer base through acquisitions and other strategic initiatives,” says McGill. Over the past five years, Authentix has recovered more than \$5 billion in lost revenues for its clients, which include Fortune 500 companies and national governments. Authentix currently provides authentication services in 18 countries on five continents.

As the global leader in authentication solutions for brand protection and excise tax recovery, Authentix is on the frontlines of the battle against counterfeiting and smuggling. Authentix offers a wide array of world-class solutions that are based on innovative nano-scale engineering and mass serialization so that brand integrity can be preserved as products move through the supply chain. Authentix’ solutions safeguard consumers from harmful products and prevent profits and tax revenues from being lost to illegal activities, such as terrorism. With clients including Fortune 500 companies and national governments, Authentix has recovered over \$5 billion in lost revenues in the oil and gas, pharmaceutical and medical device, tobacco, spirits, and consumer goods industries. In addition, our expertise in the fields of value documents, currency and homeland security applications helps protect the very fabric of our society.

About MHT Partners

MHT Partners is a transaction-oriented investment bank that leverages the multidisciplinary experience of its partners to enhance results for its clients. The company delivers the sophistication of a top-tier investment bank with the personal attention and relationship orientation of a middle-market firm. The MHT Partners team has extensive experience overseeing every step of transaction execution, and each of its services (M&A seller advisory, M&A buyer advisory, private placements, strategic advisory) is strengthened by strategic thinking that focuses on maximizing value. MHT Partners conducts its investment banking activity through its wholly owned subsidiary MHT Securities, L.P., a member of FINRA/SIPC.

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