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**Ron Smith to Head Up Dayton Region For
The Everest Group/TCN Worldwide**

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 4, 2008 — The Everest Group/TCN Worldwide, one of the fastest growing commercial real estate service providers in the marketplace, announced the appointment of Ron Smith as Industrial and Office Associate. In this capacity he will be responsible for the sale and leasing of industrial and office properties in the Greater Dayton, Ohio market.

“We are pleased to welcome Ron Smith to our growing team of professionals at The Everest Group. With years of commercial real estate experience, Ron will be an invaluable asset to our clients who demand expert market analysis and proven expertise in order to make the most informed real estate decisions for their businesses,” stated Frank Torbeck, CEO of The Everest Group.

Mr. Smith has been in the management, leasing, sales, and development of office, retail, and industrial properties, primarily in the Miami Valley for over thirty (30) years. Some of his real estate projects include Moraine Business Center, Victoria Secret Call Center and the Bristol Business Center in Bristol, CT. Ron worked on the leasing of One Dayton Centre which was 30% leased and eventually achieved 92% occupancy.

Ron holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Dayton. He has earned both the GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) and CBR (Certified Buyer Broker) designations from the National Association of Realtors. Ron is currently a member of the National Association of Realtors, Ohio Association of Realtors, Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Rotary, Downtown Dayton Partnership, and Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Ron has six grown children and resides in Springboro, Ohio.

We look forward to working with Ron for the experience and integrity he will bring to The Everest Group.