



October 25, 2012 – Cleary Gull Inc. Awarded “Deal of the Year” at Americas M&A Atlas Awards



Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce that it was recognized for advising on two recent merger and acquisition transactions at the annual 2012 Americas M&A Atlas Awards sponsored by Global M&A Network that took place on October 24 in New York City.

Cleary Gull received the “USA Deal of the Year – Middle Markets (\$200mm - \$500mm)” for advising on Royal Purple, Inc.’s sale to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P.

In addition, Cleary Gull’s sale of Dorner Mfg. Corp. to Incline Equity Partners was a finalist in both the “Manufacturing Deal of the Year” and the “Private Equity Deal of the Year – Small Mid-Markets (\$5mm - \$100mm)”.

The Atlas Awards honor top deals, deal-makers and firms from North and South American mid-market mergers and acquisitions communities. They were announced at the Americas M&A Atlas Awards Gala Ceremony held at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City. An independent body of experts judged and determined the ultimate recipients of the award. For 2012, 612 deals were reviewed and only 46 were judged as award winning deals.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Atlas Awards for our work on these two transactions,” said Ronald Miller, Managing Director at Cleary Gull. “Our success this year was truly a team effort.”



"Winners should take pride in completing outstanding transactions, representing the very finest from the Americas middle market mergers and acquisitions communities," said Shanta Kumari, Managing Partner of Global M&A Network.

Cleary Gull (www.clearygull.com) is an employee-owned firm providing specialized financial services through two operating divisions: Investment Banking and Investment Management Services. Cleary Gull's investment bankers help clients achieve their financial and business goals by advising on exclusive sales, mergers and acquisitions, raising private debt and equity capital, and other transactions. Cleary Gull's core ideology and mantra is "*A Firm Belief in the Entrepreneurial Spirit.*"

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