



August 20, 2008 – Cleary Gull Holdings Inc. makes the 2008 Inc. 5000

Cleary Gull Holdings Inc. is pleased to announce that it was ranked 4,071 on the 2008 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest growing private companies in the country. Cleary Gull Holdings Inc. is the only investment bank in Wisconsin on the list and is one of only four financial services companies to be included from Wisconsin.

For more than 27 years, the Inc. 5000 has served as a benchmark for the most innovative, dynamic, and successful companies in the nation. The 5,000 companies that made the list reported aggregate revenue of \$185 billion and median three-year growth of 147 percent. Most importantly, the 2008 Inc. 5000 companies were engines of job growth, having created more than 826,033 jobs since those companies were founded.

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