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## **ALERIAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF MLP INFRASTRUCTURE INDEX**

**New York, New York** – March 20, 2008 – Alerian Capital Management LLC announced today that it has launched the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index, a composite of the thirty most prominent midstream energy companies in the Master Limited Partnership asset class.

The Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index is comprised of thirty Master Limited Partnerships that own and operate long-lived energy infrastructure assets. The index is strictly limited to those partnerships whose income is generated by permanent toll-road energy businesses and does not include any exploration and production, coal, propane, shipping, or other categories of energy production or delivery.

The index is calculated and maintained by Alerian Capital Management based on the same methodology as the Alerian MLP Index (NYSE: AMZ) and is market capitalization-weighted and float-adjusted, with the exception that no one entity may exceed 7.5% of the index value. Any amount in excess of 7.5% will be redistributed proportionately through the other securities in the index.

“Throughout the diversification of the MLP asset class, the firm’s core focus has always been midstream toll-road businesses,” said Alerian managing partner Gabriel Hammond. “This index provides investors with a pure-play measure of the traditional midstream value proposition: hard assets with strong operating leverage and permanent value.”

### **About Master Limited Partnerships**

Master Limited Partnerships, or MLPs, are primarily engaged in the transportation, storage, or processing, of natural resources such as crude oil and natural gas. By confining their operations to these specific activities, they are able to trade on public securities exchanges exactly like the shares of a corporation, without entity level income taxation. More than two-thirds trade on the New York Stock Exchange. MLPs are regulated by the Securities Exchange Commission and must file 10-Ks, 10-Qs, and notices of material change like any publicly traded corporation and comply with the recordkeeping and disclosure requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### **About Alerian Capital Management LLC**

Alerian is a registered investment advisor that manages portfolios exclusively focused on midstream energy master limited partnerships. The company focuses on fundamental analysis in this emerging asset class, combining its bottoms-up private equity philosophy with risk management programs designed to preserve capital and mitigate portfolio volatility. Investing in both the private and public equity markets, the company concentrates on maximizing absolute total returns on a risk-adjusted basis.

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