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BIANCHI, KASAVAN & POPE, LLP ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITIONS TO SALINAS STAFF *Area CPA and Business Consultant Firm Hires Four Employees for Salinas Office*

SALINAS, Calif. – December 22, 2008 – Bianchi, Kasavan and Pope, LLP (BKP) has announced four recent additions to their staff in their Salinas office this month. Michael James, CPA, joins the team as Audit Manager and Roger Talbot, CPA, as Senior Tax Accountant along with Shea Hamilton, CPA and Nitsan Pashut as Audit Seniors.

"This talented group of people will enhance the level of service BKP provides to its clients," says Bob Bianchi, BKP managing partner. "We are pleased to welcome them to the BKP team."

Michael James, CPA, brings twelve years of financial audit, management and executive experience to BKP and joins the firm as an Audit Manager. He is a native to the Salinas Valley, having graduated from Salinas High School and Hartnell College. He holds a BA in Business/Economics from UC Santa Barbara and resides in Salinas with wife, Mary, a five year old daughter, Emma, and a one year old son, Ben.

A CPA licensed to practice in California and Washington, Roger Talbot, CPA, has joined the firm as Senior Tax Accountant. Talbot received a BA in Economics from UCSB and an MS in Taxation from Golden Gate University, and resides in Salinas.

Joining BKP as Audit Senior, Shea Hamilton, CPA holds a BA in Business Management Economics and an MS in Applied Economics & Finance from the University of California, Santa Cruz. A native of Santa Cruz County, Shea lives in Watsonville with his wife Carolyn.

Nitsan Pashut, brings three years of audit experience to BKP, holds a BS in Business Administration from San Jose State University, with a concentration in Corporate Finance and Management and is currently a CPA candidate in the State of California. Pashut, who resides in Santa Cruz and is an Alumni of the Beta Alpha Psi Honors Group of San Jose State, joins BKP as Audit Senior.

BKP offers a wide range of services to clients in Monterey, Santa Clara, San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties. With offices in Hollister, Monterey, Morgan Hill and Salinas, BKP specializes in tax planning and preparation, retirement planning, audit services, estate & trust tax preparation, payroll services, business valuations, management advisory consulting, and information technology. For more information about BKP, visit www.bkpcpa.com or call 831-638-2111.

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