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GovernanceMetrics International Appoints Howard Sherman President and CEO

New York, December 21, 2006 - GovernanceMetrics International (GMI), the corporate governance research and ratings agency, today announced the appointment of its Chief Operating Officer, Howard Sherman (45), as President and Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2007. He succeeds co-founder Gavin Anderson (61) who has been elected Chairman of the Board.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Sherman said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue to work with our outstanding staff, clients and partners in a new capacity. What's most exciting is that we have a number of product enhancements planned for 2007 that will help our clients integrate corporate governance into the decision making process with even greater impact. On a personal note, I'm also very pleased to be able to continue working with Gavin Anderson, whose knowledge and experience have been invaluable since we started the firm."

Mr. Anderson, who has served as the firm's CEO since inception, said: "Howard is a terrific choice to lead GMI. He is extremely knowledgeable of the full range of corporate governance issues, has served previously as CEO of ISS, the largest company in this field, and has spent the last six years intimately involved in the development of GMI. I cannot think of anyone more qualified. For my part, I feel that GMI is firmly established and that we have achieved all of our initial objectives; as a result I can now afford to take a less active role while continuing to stay involved with the company and its continued development."

GMI's rating system incorporates hundreds of data points across six broad categories of analysis: board accountability, financial disclosure and internal controls, executive compensation, shareholder rights, ownership base, takeover provisions, plus corporate behavior and social responsibility. Companies are rated relative to others in the GMI database on a scale of 1.0 (lowest) to 10.0 (highest). Subscribers to GMI are able to view a company's overall rating, section ratings, red flags (flags are issued by GMI from time to time to highlight specific characteristics that present notable cause for concern) plus several pages of written analysis. GMI clients include leading pension funds, investment managers, banks, insurance companies, regulatory agencies and professional service firms across North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Please see www.gmiratings.com for additional information.