

Penson Worldwide, Inc. Appoints Raymond Carli SVP & Global Treasurer

DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 24, 2008--Penson Worldwide, Inc. (NASDAQ: PNSN), a leading provider of execution, clearing, settlement, custody and technology products and services to the global financial services industry, today named Raymond Carli Senior Vice President & Global Treasurer, a new position.

"Ray has more than a 25 year career in treasury operations for some of the world's largest financial service firms," said Daniel P. Son, President and co-founder of Penson. "His expertise and experience is ideal for helping to manage and maximize the profitability of our interest generating businesses around the world and related risk management activities." Mr. Carli reports to Kevin W. McAleer, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Most recently, Mr. Carli, 53, was Senior Vice President and Global Treasurer of Cantor Fitzgerald, LP, where he was responsible for global treasury, including funding, asset/liability management, liquidity risk management, bank relationships and cash management, and managed staffs in London and New York.

His prior experience includes Managing Director and Treasurer of Nomura Holdings America, Inc. (New York) from 1993 to 2003, and Director and Treasurer of CS First Boston Pacific, Inc. (Tokyo) and then Director and Assistant Treasurer of CS First Boston, Inc. (New York), from 1985 to 1993.

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Forward-Looking Statements

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