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Kaufman Bros., L.P. certified as a bona fide minority owned and operated business by the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC).

New York, NY, United States – Kaufman Bros., L.P. (KBRO, www.kbro.com) announces its certification as a bona fide minority owned and operated business by the NMSDC.

This confirmation will enhance KBRO's ability to leverage its position as the nation's largest minority-owned/operated broker-dealer and investment bank focused on Technology, Media, Telecom, Green Tech and Healthcare sectors. The benefits of the minority business enterprise (MBE) designation will be realized when offering corporate services (fixed income and equity securities underwriting and stock-buy back programs), proprietary research and investment banking services to the 3,500 corporate NMSDC members and their pension plans.

The certification covers over 60 governmental jurisdictions, facilitates access to 38 regional NMSDC councils across the country and further qualifies the firm for access consideration and business contracts as a minority business. The firm will be listed in the computerized databases of both the New York and New Jersey Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. and the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.

The NMSDC, chartered in 1972 to increase procurement and business opportunities for minority businesses of all sizes, will actively consider the firm when responding to NMSDC member requests for broker-dealer and investment banking services.

Chairman and CEO Benny Lorenzo commented, "This designation is the 'gold standard' of status validation. We will be highlighting our MBE status as part of our branding campaign to supplement the world-class services we deliver to our institutional and corporate clients."

The certification enables Kaufman Bros., L.P.'s clients to address questions from their diverse stakeholders regarding meaningful involvement of qualified, established and certified minority owned and operated broker-dealers and investment banks.

About Kaufman Bros., L.P.

KBRO is the largest minority-owned/operated investment bank and broker-dealer in the United States that focuses on Technology, Media, and Telecom (TMT), Green Technology and Healthcare sectors. KBRO's institutional clients manage over \$5 trillion and its advisory efforts have helped raise over \$26 billion since 1999.

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