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Brooks Promoted to Trader

PORTLAND, Ore. - December 12, 2008 - Ferguson Wellman Capital Management is pleased to announce that Joseph Brooks has been promoted to trader.

"Joe has taken on many of the fixed income trading duties, and we want to recognize his contributions to our process," said Steven J. Holwerda, chief operating officer.

Joe Brooks joined Ferguson Wellman in 2006 as an assistant trader. Brooks handles the taxable fixed income trading and assists with equity trading. He came to Ferguson Wellman from Washington Mutual Bank, where he served as a senior bank teller.

Raised in Oregon, Brooks graduated from Portland State University in 2006 with a B.S. in business management. Currently he is a member of the Security Traders Association of Portland.

Founded in 1975, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management is a privately owned investment advisory firm, established in the Pacific Northwest. With 499 clients, the firm manages \$2.6 billion in assets that comprise union and corporate retirement plans; endowments and foundations; and individuals with portfolios of \$2 million or more.

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