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JOSH HOCHBERG APPOINTED AS EXAMINER IN REFCO, INC. BANKRUPTCY CASES

WASHINGTON, D.C.–United States Trustee Deirdre Martini's appointment of Josh Hochberg as examiner in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Refco Inc. and its affiliated debtors was approved on March 22, 2006, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Hochberg, the former Chief of the Fraud Section in the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division, has more than 30 years of experience involving financial crimes investigations.

Mr. Hochberg is a partner in the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP. Before joining the firm, Mr. Hochberg served as Chief of the Fraud Section in the DOJ's Criminal Division, where he organized, supervised, and managed nationally significant complex investigations and prosecutions of corporate, securities, health care, procurement, bank fraud, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act matters. Mr. Hochberg also served as Deputy Chief for Litigation in the DOJ's Public Integrity Section, and as a Trial Attorney and Senior Litigation Counsel in the DOJ's Fraud Section. In addition, he has served in the New York State Attorney General's office and as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, N.Y. Mr. Hochberg received a law degree from the New York University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College.

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