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RICHARD G. SMITH, CPA OF WITT MARES, PLC RECEIVES ACCREDITATION IN BUSINESS VALUATION (ABV) CREDENTIAL

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (July 14, 2008) – Richard G. Smith, CPA, a member of Witt Mares, PLC, recently received the accreditation in business valuation (ABV) credential from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

According to the Institute, the ABV certification is a distinctive mark of excellence awarded by the AICPA exclusively to CPAs who have proven their knowledge and skill in business valuation through rigorous qualification criteria, including a valuation exam, professional experience and lifelong learning.

Smith is a partner in the firm's Williamsburg office, where he is an active member of the community. His areas of practice include: individual and business tax planning and preparation; business accounting and financial reporting; audits, reviews and compilations; as well as advisory services for various industries. Smith received a Bachelor of Science in business from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, and maintains professional affiliations with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Construction Financial Management Association.

With a long history dating back to 1979, marked by carefully controlled growth, Witt Mares is a regional accounting and business-consulting firm ranked among the largest firms in the nation. Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, the firm also has offices in Fairfax, Richmond, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Williamsburg.

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