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THE RLJ COMPANIES ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF TRACI OTEY BLUNT TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

BETHESDA, MD// July 15, 2009// The RLJ Companies, a diverse portfolio of companies in the automotive, financial services, asset management, real estate, hospitality, professional sports (NBA), film production, and gaming industries, today announced the promotion of Traci Otey Blunt as Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications and Public Affairs.

In her new role, Blunt will lead a team responsible for media strategy and communications, government relations, and issues management and planning. She will continue to be based out of The RLJ corporate headquarters located in Bethesda, Maryland.

Blunt, who has more than 15-years experience leading public relations efforts for corporate and non-profit organizations and working on political campaigns joined The RLJ Companies last year as vice president of communications and public affairs. She previously worked as a media director for now Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her 2008 presidential bid and over the years has counseled local, state, and federal political candidates and elected officials throughout Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

Prior to joining the Clinton campaign, Blunt served as a vice president and deputy director for the multicultural practice at Ogilvy Public Relations in D.C. She is an honors graduate of Tennessee State University.

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The RLJ Companies, founded by Robert L. Johnson is a diverse portfolio of companies in the financial services, asset management, real estate, hospitality, professional sports, film production, and gaming industries. An innovative business network, The RLJ Companies seeks to target undiscovered or underserved markets; then exercise solid management to achieve results. The RLJ Companies is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, with operations in Charlotte, Los Angeles, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Monrovia, Liberia. For further information about The RLJ Companies, please visit www.rljcompanies.com.

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