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PRESIDENT OF ST. CHARLES COMPANY, BAYTREE INVESTORS, INC., PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD AND EVADING INCOME TAXES

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ALVIN PATTON, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division (“IRS-CID”); ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”); and STEVEN L. HAUGEN, Regional Director of the Chicago Regional Office of the United States Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration (“USDOL/EBSA”), today made the following announcement:

CHRISTOPHER A. JANSEN, 55, of St. Charles, Illinois, pleaded guilty today in federal court in Chicago to charges of wire fraud and evading income taxes.

According to the plea agreement, Jansen was President of Baytree Investors, Inc., an Illinois corporation, engaged in acquiring trucking companies. During 2001, in his position as President, Jansen learned DFC Transportation (“DFC”), a trucking company headquartered in Huntley, Illinois was for sale. Jansen admitted in his plea agreement that he created a Delaware corporation, DFCTC Holding, Inc. (“DFCTC”) and arranged for DFCTC to purchase DFC with money he borrowed using DFC receivables as collateral. Jansen further admitted he arranged for other individuals to be the owners of DFCTC, some who were previous investors in Baytree business acquisitions that failed. Jansen also admitted that he represented to others that he was the corporate secretary and controlled the business of both DFCTC and DFC, without appointment or authority, and avoided having shareholder or directors meetings. After its purchase, Jansen arranged for DFC to use its receivables to borrow more money from a bank, and without authorization ordered employees to transfer money from DFC to DFCTC. Jansen admitted he then distributed the money to himself and others for their personal use and benefit without disclosing it to the shareholders and directors. Specifically, on March 22, 2002, Jansen ordered the transfer of \$250,000 by wire from a DFC account in Utah to a DFCTC account in St. Charles, Illinois, for his own personal benefit and the benefit of others, without disclosing it to the shareholders or directors of either corporation.

In pleading guilty, Jansen further admitted that he attempted to evade income tax for the year 2002 that he owed to the United States. Specifically, Jansen admitted he failed to file a federal income tax return for that year, knowing federal income taxes would be calculated and due. Jansen also admitted he had joint control of a bank account in the name of a dissolved corporation, Talcott Financial Corporation (“Talcott”), to receive his income and disburse his expenditures and intentionally failed to have Talcott file informational forms with the IRS of taxable income distributed to him from the account. Jansen also admitted in the plea agreement that he controlled

Baytree and DFCTC and intentionally failed to have those corporations file informational forms with the IRS, such as 1099's, regarding distributions of taxable income to him. Further, Jansen admitted he did not have a bank account in his name in order to avoid easy tracing of his income and avoiding reports to the IRS.

Sentencing for Jansen has been scheduled for February 12, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. The charge of wire fraud carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a maximum fine of up to \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from that offense, whichever is greater, and a term of supervised release following imprisonment of at least two years but not more than three years. The charge of income tax evasion carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release following imprisonment of at least two but not more than three years. Jansen's actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Rockford offices of the IRS-CID, FBI and the USDOL/EBSA, and is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL D. LOVE.

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