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Pacific Capital Group Sponsors Global Forestry Solutions Session at 2009 Governors' Global Climate Summit

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Los Angeles CA – September 30, 2009 – Pacific Capital Group will sponsor an international panel on global forestry solutions at the 2009 Governors' Global Climate Summit. The Summit is the second environmental assembly of leaders invited by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from the largest states and provinces in the world to discuss conservation issues and global climate change.

Said green-tech pioneer and philanthropist [Gary Winnick](#): “Forests are the lungs of our Earth. But deforestation and degradation of forest productivity now account for nearly a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions. We are pleased to support this panel which is an important step toward building an international consensus to reverse that dismal record.”

The Global Forestry Solutions panel will meet on Friday, October 2, the third and last day of the Summit which will be held this year at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

Added [Gary Winnick](#), who is Pacific Capital Group Chairman and Founder: “This is a unique and critically important panel that brings together four of Brazil's most powerful governors, the leader of Indonesia's northern-most province and conservation directors from two of the world's largest environmental NGOs to explore consensus on reducing deforestation emissions and land degradation.”

Said California Governor Schwarzenegger: “Our Global Climate Summit builds upon partnerships with other states and subnational governments throughout the world, dedicated stewards of the environment, coming together now for the second time to find lasting solutions to global climate change.”

Speakers at the Pacific Capital Group sponsored session will also discuss the important forestry memorandum of understanding signed in 2008 by nine key states in the U.S., Indonesia, and Brazil, which together represent more than 50 percent of the world's forests.

Chairing the panel will be Mike Chrisman, California's Secretary for Natural Resources. Steven McCormick, President of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, will serve as moderator.

Other speakers on the panel will include:

- **James Dahl, chairman and founding partner of Rock Creek Capital**
- Sergio Amoroso, Chairman, Grupo Orsa, Brazil
- Governor Ana Julia Carepa, State of Para (Brazil)



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- Manoel Silva da Cunha, President, National Council of Rubber Tappers of Brazil
- Governor Carlos Eduardo de Souza Braga, State of Amazonas (Brazil)
- Bill Ginn, Chief Conservation Officer, The Nature Conservancy
- Governor Blairo Maggi, State of Mato Grosso (Brazil)
- Governor Arnobio Marques de Almeida Junior, State of Acre (Brazil)
- Russell Mittermeier, President, Conservation International
- Governor Irwandi Yusuf, Province of Aceh (Indonesia)

About Pacific Capital Group

Pacific Capital Group, Inc. (“PCG”) is a Los Angeles, CA based investment firm established in 1985, which is today involved with private equity, restructuring and investments in a select group of industries, such as material science, health care, real estate and telecommunications.

The firm was founded and is led by financier and philanthropist [Gary Winnick](#) who has 30 years of experience in capital markets and investing. His vision, innovation, and dedication to effect positive change in society drive the firm’s investment thesis as well as the contribution goals of the Winnick Family Foundation. Mr. Winnick is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PCG.

Mr. Winnick is also Founder and Chairman of iCRETE, a PCG portfolio enterprise. iCRETE is a clean-energy leader and the world’s premier concrete technology company, transforming the way ready mixed and precast concrete is designed, produced and used worldwide.

Pacific Capital Group also created and funded Global Crossing, of which Mr. Winnick was Founder and Chairman. The Global Crossing fiber optic network now spans a total of 130,000 miles worldwide.

Mr. Winnick is a patron of humanitarian and literacy projects worldwide including support for a select group of world-class universities, libraries, medical research centers, and fine art institutions. He is also a member of numerous national and international philanthropic boards and associations, including the Museum of Modern Art and the US-UAE Business Council.

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