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FGIC HIRES MICHAEL PEPE AS DIRECTOR IN GLOBAL UTILITIES

October 20, 2004 - New York, NY – Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (FGIC) announced that Michael Pepe has been appointed Director, Global Utilities, effective October 11. He will be responsible for sourcing and executing transactions for FGIC with utilities, as well as stand-alone projects.

Prior to joining FGIC, Mr. Pepe was head of Project Finance with Banca Intesa, formerly Banca Commerciale Italiana, where he established the firm's project finance business in New York. Before this, Mr. Pepe spent seven years with Credit Lyonnais, first as a group team leader and ultimately as Deputy Group Head for Project Finance. In this capacity, he successfully completed numerous transactions and was instrumental in taking the group to the top of the project finance league table rankings. Mr. Pepe began his career in project finance at Deutsche Bank in New York, after several years as a private law practitioner in Toronto.

Mr. Pepe received a BA in Geography and Computer Science from the University of Western Ontario, an LLB from the University of Windsor Law School and an MBA from York University, all located in Ontario, Canada. He was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario in 1981.

Commenting on the appointment, Paul Morrison, Managing Director for Global Utilities noted, "Mike's considerable experience in project finance adds breadth to our group's knowledge base. Not only does he have a strong credit background, but he also has the legal know-how."

Company Profile

Established in 1983, FGIC is one of the four leading monoline financial guarantors, primarily engaged in the business of providing credit enhancement on public finance and structured finance securities. FGIC typically guarantees the scheduled payments of principal and interest on an issuer's obligation. FGIC's financial strength is rated triple-A by Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings.