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HATCH & PARENT NAMES TWO PARTNERS TO THE FIRM

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.--Arnold E. Brier and Graham Lyons have become partners in the law firm of Hatch & Parent.

Mr. Brier was the former assistant general counsel and chief compliance officer at World Minerals Inc. His practice is focused on business entity strategic planning and commercial real estate. Mr. Brier leads the firm's business and tax practice group, which provides legal counsel to individuals and businesses throughout California.

Graham Lyons is the assistant Practice Group Leader for the firm's real estate and land use group. Mr. Lyons represents developers and public agencies on real estate, land use, environmental and public law related issues.

"Both Arnie and Graham are tremendous assets to the firm and the business and real estate clients they serve," says Rob Saperstein, Hatch & Parent managing partner. "Now, as partners in a leadership capacity, their contributions will be even more pronounced."

Hatch & Parent maintains one of the largest natural resources and land use practices in California. With offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and South Lake Tahoe, the firm represents public and private entities on natural resource and land use management and strategic planning throughout the state. The other core practice areas of the firm include corporate and tax, complex litigation, public agency, environmental quality and compliance, trusts and estates, employment law, appellate law and legislative advocacy. Its website address is: www.hatchparent.com.

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