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Ms. Iloani is Chairman, President and CEO of Smith Whiley & Company, a privately owned investment firm. The Firm is headquartered in Hartford and an office in Evanston, Illinois. The Firm specializes in management buyouts, recapitalizations, acquisitions and growth capital, and makes private equity and mezzanine investments. Ms. Iloani is the Chair of the Firm's Investment Committee and she has almost 30 years of investment experience.

Ms Iloani was recently named one of the "75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street" and one of the "50 Most Powerful Black Women in Business" by Black Enterprise Magazine. She also was recently named one of the Eight Remarkable Women of 2008 by the Hartford Business Journal.

Prior to forming Smith Whiley, Ms. Iloani was a Managing Director at Aetna Inc. where she invested in excess of \$4 billion and managed a \$9.2 billion portfolio. Ms. Iloani has extensive experience investing in companies in broadcast media, industrial products, utilities, telecommunications, technology, healthcare, transportation and financial services.

Ms Iloani is active on numerous boards of companies that she invests in through the Firm's private equity funds. She also has a long history of civic involvement through her active associations with a wide variety of community organizations including The Special Contribution Fund of the NAACP, The

Crisis, and the Urban League of Greater Hartford. Ms. Iloani is a member of the Board of Trustees of Colgate University and the University of Connecticut Foundation. She is also Treasurer of the Greater Hartford Chapter of Jack and Jill of America. Ms. Iloani has received several citations from the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford which acknowledges her firm's success in the business field. She has also received several community service and business leadership awards from the Hartford and New York City communities. Ms. Iloani's professional affiliations include: Charter Member of the Marathon Club; National Association of Securities Professionals and the National Association of Investment Companies. She is a member of the Epsilon Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; The Farmington Valley Chapter of The Links Incorporated; Greater Hartford Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, and First Congregational Church of Bloomfield. She is a life member of the NAACP.

Ms. Iloani is a graduate of Colgate University and received her MBA from the University of Hartford and she has six securities licenses.