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Joseph P. Manzelli Jr., CPA, CITP Appointed Director of Operations of the Fuoco Group

Hauppauge, New York, May 2009 – The Fuoco Group, a rapidly growing accounting and consulting firm has proudly announced the appointment of Joseph P. Manzelli Jr. as the firm's Director of Operations, effective May 1st, 2009.

According to the Fuoco Group's Managing Director, Lou Fuoco, "The appointment of Joseph Manzelli as Fuoco Group's first Director of Operations is a milestone in the history of our company. He will fulfill a vital, strategic executive role as Fuoco Group continues its rapid growth and further expands its services by bringing exciting, cutting-edge service opportunities to the market."

As Director of Operations, Manzelli's responsibilities will involve providing direction and leadership for all aspects of the firm's operations, including Strategic Planning, Marketing & Promotions, Information Technology, Human Resources (as it relates to learning & training), Finance & Accounting, and Office Management. He will oversee the development and implementation of, and adherence to, policies and procedures designed to ensure effective workflow and enhanced client satisfaction.

Mr. Manzelli joined the firm in 2001, and has more than 20 years of experience in assisting clients in the development of long-term business objectives and strategies for future growth and success. He has strong proficiencies and extensive knowledge regarding the areas of tax preparation and planning, business advisory services, and technology development.

In addition to his CPA license, Manzelli is one of only about 1,100 individuals in the nation to have received accreditation as a Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) and is currently awaiting approval of his Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) accreditation. This expertise qualifies him to consult as an expert in the areas of information security and control.

"I am extremely pleased with this new role," said Manzelli. "I have watched Fuoco Group grow from six to slightly over seventy professionals in a very short time, and I see my role as one of supporting the firm's continued growth through the streamlining of best practices and the fortification of our current infrastructure." Manzelli underscored his confidence in the firm's future by stating that he is, "...positive that the Fuoco Group will be considered one of the region's premier accounting firms in the very near future."

The Fuoco Group is a full service accounting and consulting firm with offices located in Hauppauge, NY; New York City; and North Palm Beach, FL.

