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### ACCOUNTING FIRM MANAGEMENT & ASSOCIATES COMPLETE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL “DEATH MARCH”

TUSTIN, CA, AUGUST 31, 2011 – Several partners, management personnel and clients at HMWC CPAs & Business Advisors in Tustin returned recently from their annual “Death March,” marking the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this event. This annual event is held at different locations each year and involves an extensive, multi-day hiking and camping adventure in the wilderness. The 2011 edition of the event covered 20 miles of hiking over 3 days near the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (just over the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County) with hikes in nearby Muir Woods National Monument, Point Reyes National Seashore and Mount Tamalpais State Park.

The “Death March” is so-named because of the physical rigors of the event. It was started in 1979 by Gerry Herter, former managing partner, who is still with the firm and has attended all thirty-three Death March outings. According to Herter, the event is not only fun and physically challenging, but it helps bring together everyone on a more personal level. “With the intense demands placed on members of the accounting



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profession nowadays, the Death March provides an enjoyable opportunity for team building amidst some of the most spectacular scenery America has to offer,” says Herter. Previous Death March events have been held in such locations as the Glacier National Park, High Sierra, Yosemite, Kauai, the Grand Canyon, Rogue River and the Channel Islands.

The Marin Headlands Hostel, just a couple miles over the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, provided the base of operations for the eighteen participants, including HMWC Partners, staff, clients, business associates and family members. Twenty miles of hiking over three days began in Muir Woods National Monument followed by lunch at the Mountain Home Inn, high above Mill Valley. The afternoon featured a visit to the summit of Mount Tamalpais, topped off by a group dinner at Angelino’s restaurant in Sausalito. The next day’s hike covered eight miles of the Coastal Trail in the southern end of Point Reyes National Seashore, highlighted by scenic Alamere Falls as it cascaded down the cliffs to the sea.

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