

COMPANY STATEMENT - DECEMBER 7, 2007**RAND McNALLY & COMPANY
ACQUIRED BY PATRIARCH PARTNERS, LLC**

Rand McNally & Company, North America's largest commercial maker of maps, street guides and atlases, today announced it has signed an agreement to be acquired by private equity and investment funds managed by Patriarch Partners, LLC ("Patriarch"). Financial terms of the transaction are not being disclosed.

Patriarch purchased Rand McNally, including its subsidiaries, from Los Angeles-based private equity firm Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. Rand McNally will continue to operate as a privately held company.

"Patriarch is excited to enter the travel and navigation industry with Rand McNally, a company whose name is synonymous with the most trusted maps, directions and travel content," said Lynn Tilton, chief executive officer of Patriarch Partners. "We look forward to building upon the company's rich heritage of innovation and further strengthening this venerable brand."

Patriarch has been an investor in Rand McNally for many years. In that time, Patriarch has come to recognize Rand McNally as a company with strong growth potential that is well positioned to take advantage of the dynamic consumer and business focus on travel, maps and navigation, according to Tilton.

"Patriarch has an outstanding track record in many industries Rand McNally touches, including technology and consumer products," said Robert S. Apatoff, president and chief executive officer of Rand McNally. "With Patriarch's guidance and Rand McNally's extensive, trusted content and expertise, we will continue to develop exciting products that help travelers get to and from their destinations easily, reliably and safely."

"There is clearly continued, growing interest in routing and travel tools, whether it is paper maps, navigation or online mapping," said Tilton. "Under Patriarch's ownership, Rand McNally will be better equipped to expand its leadership role in the mapping industry."

"In recent years, we've focused on delivering innovative new products, improving customer satisfaction and strengthening the company's financial structure," said Apatoff. "We've made solid progress, and Patriarch will afford Rand McNally the needed flexibility and resources to accelerate this change."

Apatoff and current Rand McNally senior management will continue to oversee all aspects of Rand McNally's business, strategy and day-to-day operations. Rand McNally's headquarters will remain in Skokie, Illinois.

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About Rand McNally

Rand McNally is North America's largest commercial maker of national and local maps, street guides and atlases. The company's print and electronic products include America's No. 1 *Road Atlas*, *The Thomas Guide*® map books, custom-made wall maps on the Web, wireless navigation solutions and online maps, directions and trip planning at www.randmcnally.com.

Rand McNally offers the most trusted tools to discover, map and navigate your world. The company leads the way with innovative products and services for the consumer, business, education and commercial transportation markets. For more information, visit www.randmcnally.com or call (800) 333-0136.

About Patriarch Partners

Patriarch Partners, LLC is a private equity and investment firm in New York, North Carolina and Texas. Patriarch provides innovative financial solutions, strategic direction and operational expertise to companies undergoing periods of pervasive change. Funds affiliated with Patriarch manage assets in excess of \$6 billion and include majority and minority ownership positions in more than 67 companies.