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FGIC RECRUITS ELIZABETH RUSSOTTO NUGENT FOR CDO TEAM

August 10, 2004 - New York, NY – Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (FGIC) announced that Elizabeth Russotto Nugent has been appointed Director, Structured Finance, effective August 9. She joins FGIC’s Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) Group.

Prior to FGIC, Ms. Nugent was a Senior Director in the Credit Products Group of Fitch Ratings. As one of the senior members of the CDO team, she was responsible for managing the team of analysts rating cash flow, market value and hybrid CDOs backed by senior secured and middle market loans, structured finance securities and high yield bonds. She also authored the rating methodology for U.S. middle market CLOs, and equity and combination note securities. Ms. Nugent began her career at Paribas where, as an Associate in the Securities Industry Group, she analyzed regional securities broker/dealers, mutual funds and hedge funds.

Ms. Nugent received her BA in Economics and International Studies from the University of Richmond, Virginia, and her MBA in Finance from New York University.

Commenting on the appointment, Tracy Pridgen, Managing Director and head of the CDO Group at FGIC noted, “Beth has the analytic skills we were seeking plus the client rapport which is so critical in this industry. We’re pleased to add Beth to our growing team.”

Company Profile

Established in 1983, FGIC is a leading monoline financial guaranty insurance company, primarily engaged in the business of providing credit enhancement on public finance and structured finance securities. FGIC typically guarantees the scheduled payments of principal and interest on an issuer’s obligation. FGIC’s financial strength is rated triple-A by Moody’s Investors Service, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch Ratings.