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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Merrick Acquires Charlotte Firm

March 1, 2011 – Merrick & Company, an international engineering, architecture, design-build, surveying, and geospatial solutions firm, has acquired the civil engineering, land planning, and landscape architecture firm of Turnbull Metzler Design of Charlotte, NC. Turnbull Metzler Design (TMD) has served the institutional, municipal, and corporate markets in the southeastern U.S. since 1987. This acquisition provides TMD with the opportunity to extend its reach throughout the U.S. and provides Merrick with the opportunity of expanding the firm’s professional services with the addition of land planning and landscape architecture services while enhancing Merrick’s geographic footprint in the region.

“The addition of TMD to our employee-owned firm bolsters Merrick’s service offerings to clients, especially those in the southeast,” said Ralph W. Christie, Jr., PE, Chair, President, and CEO of Merrick. “The acquisition broadens and deepens Merrick’s capabilities in this geographic area.”

“After nearly 25 years serving Charlotte and the region, we look forward to being part of an international organization with broader resources and diversified service offerings. It’s a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our team and better serve our clients,” said Sandy Turnbull, president of TMD.

“Turnbull Metzler is one of the most respected engineering and landscape architecture firms in North Carolina and the southeast,” said Scott D. Stone, Merrick’s Charlotte-based National Director of Infrastructure. “They will provide Merrick with a great platform for growth in our regional market.”

TMD has been involved in many of the region’s high profile engineering and land planning projects. The firm was the lead planner for Carolina Sun City, a 4,400-home development located in Lancaster County. TMD also provided planning and engineering design services for Adrey Kell and Mallard Creek High Schools and is currently working with the City of Charlotte in providing engineering design for stormwater and neighborhood improvement projects.

With the addition of TMD to the organization, Merrick now maintains 12 offices that serve clients in the energy, national security, science & technology, and sustainable infrastructure markets. Nine of the offices are located in the U.S., with an additional office in Ontario, Canada and two offices in Mexico. The firm is committed to sustainable design and construction practices through its 55+ LEED-accredited professionals and is continually expanding its in-house resources to serve tomorrow’s needs.

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