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GEMINI INVESTORS NAMED SBIC OF THE YEAR

Washington, DC – May 19, 2009 – The National Association of Small Business Investment Companies (NASBIC) offers its congratulations to Gemini Investors III, L.P. (Gemini), the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 2009 Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) of the Year.

The SBIC of the Year Award was presented yesterday by SBA Administrator Karen Mills in Washington, DC as part of the SBA's Small Business Week. The SBA has designated this week to recognize the achievements and economic contributions of U.S. small businesses. Gemini was one of ten financial services institutions that were honored for their excellent performance, as well as their contributions in assisting small businesses during the economic recovery.

NASBIC's President, Brett Palmer attended the awards presentation and offered congratulations to Gemini President, James Goodman. Palmer remarked that "the SBIC world is very competitive and for Gemini to be chosen from amongst its peers, marks an outstanding accomplishment. It is also very rewarding to see a long-standing NASBIC member be recognized in this way." Gemini has been a member of NASBIC since 1997 and Gemini's Managing Director, Molly Simmons, currently serves as Treasurer on the NASBIC Board of Directors.

Gemini is a private equity firm specializing in investments in middle market companies. Its headquarters are located in Wellesley, Massachusetts with a second office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Gemini and its predecessor entity have made investments in more than 60 middle market companies since 1993 and have raised four equity investment funds for over \$350 million of capital under management.

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