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**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
ARNOLD DONALD AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO**

[Arlington, VA] [October 14, 2010] – Today, the Executive Leadership Council (ELC), a professional network of African-American executives of major U.S. companies announced the appointment of Mr. Arnold Donald as its new President and CEO. Mr. Donald was the unanimous choice of the ELC’s Board of Directors.

“Mr. Donald is uniquely qualified for this position and we are confident that we have found the best individual possible to lead the ELC,” stated Jessica Isaacs, Chair of the ELC Board of Directors. With Mr. Donald’s leadership and vision for excellence, the ELC is certain to enjoy continued growth and success.”

Mr. Donald previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, the largest charitable funder of diabetes research in the world. Prior to that position he was Chairman of Merisant Company. Mr. Donald also served as a senior executive at Monsanto Company in St. Louis, MO. He joined Monsanto in industrial chemical sales in 1977 rising to President of the \$4 billion plus agricultural sector, leading him to be recognized by the agricultural industry as Agri-Marketer of the Year in 1996. A native of New Orleans, Mr. Donald received a BA degree from Carleton College, a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, and an MBA from the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business.

“I am excited to work with the membership of the ELC to accelerate more African-American inclusion in corporate America,” stated Mr. Donald. “The ELC is comprised of an incredibly talented array of professionals and partners representing every field in corporate America and I look forward to leading the organization as we continue to build on the legacy and impact that the ELC has had in the United States and throughout the world.”

Mr. Donald will formally take office on November 1, 2010.

About The Executive Leadership Council

The Executive Leadership Council is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation founded in 1986, providing African- American executives of major U.S. companies with a professional network and forum to offer perspective and direction on national and

international business and public policy issues. Our programs develop future business leaders, filling the pipeline from the classroom to the boardroom. It is the preeminent organization that recognizes the strengths, success, contributions, and impact of African-American corporate business leaders. Council members – more than 400 executives, more than one-third of them women – represent more than 280 Fortune 500 corporations. For more information, please visit <http://www.elcinfo.com>.

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