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Westport Strategies Joins Clark Consulting *Two Experienced Executive Benefits Consulting Firms Integrate*

CLARK CONSULTING, an industry leader specializing in the risk management, design & implementation, informal financing, and long-term administration of non-qualified deferred compensation plans, is pleased to announce that it has integrated Westport Strategies into its operations. AUSA Holding Company, an AEGON company, acquired both Westport Strategies and Clark Consulting in 2007. For more than 20 years, Westport Strategies' consultants have specialized in the design, implementation, communications, funding, and complete administration of non-qualified benefit programs to a number of *Fortune 500* companies.

"We are excited that the Westport Strategies team will be joining forces with Clark Consulting," said Kurt Laning, President of Clark Consulting. "Their firm has a strong presence on the east coast, particularly in New England; and their consultants are well-respected in the areas of benefits design, implementation, and funding strategies which will be an excellent complement to Clark Consulting's experienced team." Laning continued, "Our service model has always been 'Clients First' and bringing Westport into the Clark Consulting fold underscores our continued commitment to providing our clients with the best possible service and support which they have come to expect from us over the past 40 years."

About Clark Consulting

Clark Consulting is an authoritative source of risk management and strategic financing solutions for inefficiently funded and unfunded liabilities that result from executive and employee benefit programs. Since 1967, Clark experts have designed thousands of benefit plans and administered billions in assets for leading American corporations and banks in their pursuit of financial goals.

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