The Laclede Group Elects Anthony V. Leness to Its Board of Directors

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ST. LOUIS, July 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Laclede Group (NYSE: LG) Board of Directors today elected Anthony V. Leness to its Board.

Mr. Leness is Managing Director Investment Banking - Global Power & Energy Group at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., in New York City. In his 28 years at Merrill Lynch, Mr. Leness has served as a relationship manager on a broad range of large and small companies, including industrial, communications, oil and gas exploration, natural gas pipeline, and, since 1990, exclusively on power and natural gas distribution companies.

Prior to Merrill Lynch, Mr. Leness was Senior Vice President of the Energy Group at White Weld & Co., Inc., in New York. He spent 15 years at White Weld, acting as relationship manager for energy and other client companies. He also supervised capital market transactions, pipeline project financings, debt and equity financings and merger and acquisition transactions.

Mr. Leness graduated from Harvard College in 1961 with a Bachelor of Art degree, Cum Laude in General Studies. He also served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy between 1961 and 1963.

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