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LEERINK Partners Hires Jim Ratigan to Expand and Strengthen its M&A Advisory Business

Boston, MA—August 1, 2016—LEERINK Partners, a leading healthcare investment bank, announced that Jim Ratigan will join its Investment Banking team as a Senior Managing Director. Mr. Ratigan will focus on building an industry leading M&A practice at LEERINK, working closely with Jim Boylan and Dan Lepanto. Mr. Ratigan will join the firm in September and will be based in New York.

Mr. Ratigan brings to LEERINK Partners over 25 years of experience providing strategic advice on high-profile and complex M&A transactions. Most recently, Mr. Ratigan was the Head of Americas M&A for Deutsche Bank where he advised on transactions across industries and structures. Mr. Ratigan joined Deutsche Bank in 2009 as a senior mergers and acquisitions banker after approximately 18 years in the M&A Group at Merrill Lynch.

"I worked with Jim at Merrill Lynch for twelve years and am delighted to welcome him to LEERINK Partners. Jim is an industry leader and an accomplished M&A veteran. I look forward to working closely with him again to build a leading M&A advisory business," said Jim Boylan, President and Head of Investment Banking. "I am confident that Jim will serve our clients exceptionally well and add great value to our firm."

"I am excited to join LEERINK Partners," said Mr. Ratigan. "Now more than ever, our clients need trusted and knowledgeable advisors to help them navigate the rapidly changing business environment. With its market leading healthcare knowledge and sector insights, LEERINK is uniquely positioned to help clients on their most important strategic transactions. I look forward to working with Jim and the team again to build on the momentum of LEERINK's M&A franchise."

"We are delighted that our firm has excelled to the point where we are able to attract the most accomplished bankers in their areas of expertise," said Jeff Leerink, Founder, Chairman and CEO. "The hiring of Jim Ratigan and the recent addition of Prasanth Burri Rao-Kathi should be a clear signal to our clients and prospects that we intend to provide superior service across all product areas."

About LEERINK Partners

LEERINK Partners LLC is a leading investment bank, specializing in healthcare. Our knowledge, experience and focus enable us to help our clients define and achieve their strategic, capital markets and investment objectives. We partner with companies that develop and commercialize innovative products and services that are defining the future of healthcare. LEERINK Partners LLC is a member of FINRA/SIPC. For more information, please visit: www.leerink.com.