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THE LIVINGSTON GROUP BRINGS ON BOARD MICHAEL RYAN - FORMER MARINE CORPS GENERAL AND RESPECTED GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

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Washington, DC - The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) today announced the affiliation of Michael D. Ryan, Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) and Executive Vice President of Government Relations for Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems, USA in North America. In his 9 years with the Rolls-Royce, Ryan was responsible for furthering its business interests with the Executive and Legislative branches of the United States and Canada. Over that period of time, Rolls-Royce's position with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and with U.S.-based airlines almost doubled, which included the following: four of the top eight DoD aircraft programs, two multi-billion dollar DoD Research and Development programs, next generation destroyer, and one of the two Littoral Combat Ship variants for the U.S. Navy. Ryan also helped in the establishment of a fuel cells business here in the United States. He served on the Board of Directors of Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems, USA, Inc. At TLG, Ryan will work within two Practice Areas: Defense Technologies/Homeland Security; and, Energy & Environment.

"Mike carried out a responsibility to our nation both in active duty and in related business," said TLG Founder Bob Livingston. "We welcome his significant defense and industry experience. He will prove to be another valuable addition to our team."

Before joining Rolls-Royce, Ryan enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a United States Marine. A Vietnam veteran with 120 missions over Laos and Vietnam, he later helped found the USMC's "Top Gun" school for which he was named Marine Corps Aviator of The Year in 1979. After a tour as Aide to the Commander of the Central Command and then to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Ryan was chosen to command the first squadron to fly the next generation Harrier, the AV-8B. He served staff tours overseas and in the Pentagon until his promotion to Brigadier General in 1993. During the next five years as a General Officer, Ryan served as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant, Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs to the Secretary of the Navy, Deputy Commander of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force, and, from 1996-1998, as Commanding General of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, a force of some 450 combat aircraft and 15,000 Marines and Sailors.

"I can't think of anyone I'd rather be associated with than Bob Livingston and his group," said Ryan. "His integrity and mentoring, along with the experience and knowledge of his colleagues, are the reasons I want to be part of The Livingston Group"

In 2007, General Ryan was awarded The Distinguished American Award by the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation. General Ryan holds a BA from Siena College, is a Distinguished Graduate of The Basic School and a graduate of National War College

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