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THE LIVINGSTON GROUP TAPS NEW STRATEGIC PARTNER -- FORMER STARBUCKS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EXECUTIVE AND CEO OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTING FIRM

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Washington, DC – The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) announces its newest Strategic Partner: Sandra E. Taylor, President and Chief executive officer of Sustainable Business International LLC, and former Starbucks Executive. Taylor brings to TLG expertise in corporate responsibility combined with her strong background in corporate governance and international affairs. She also has an extensive background in human rights, issue management, public policy and international trade. She will serve within several of TLG's Practice Areas: Corporate Social Responsibility and Congressional Oversight; and, International Relations/Business Development.

"Sandra greatly enhances our firm's existing talented core of international team members," said TLG CEO Bob Livingston. "We look forward to utilizing her breadth of experience and skills with U.S. and foreign businesses, governments and non-governmental organizations."

From 2003 until 2008, Taylor was senior vice president of corporate social responsibility for Starbucks Coffee Company. At Starbucks she led the strategic development and day-to-day direction of all corporate responsibility programs, including: community affairs, the Starbucks Foundation and support for disaster relief; development of responsible and sustainable standards for business practices and product procurement; management of programs to reduce the environmental impact of business operations; public policy and government relations; and the publication of the company's award-winning corporate responsibility annual report. She also led social investment programs for education, health, income generation, skills training and access to water in Central America, India and Africa.

Previous to Starbucks, Taylor served as vice president and director of public affairs for Eastman Kodak Company. She had overall responsibility for public affairs, international trade policy and corporate citizenship worldwide. Taylor provided leadership for the company's federal, state, local and international government relations. She managed Kodak's Washington, D.C., government affairs office, and established policy for government relations outside the United States.

Taylor's government experience includes her work as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate and a Foreign Service officer for the U.S. Department of State. She is co-chair and founder of the American and African Businesswomen's Alliance and a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy.

"Sandra and I met in Mexico City when we were both diplomats. She is a rare individual whose experience derives from a rich and diverse career path from diplomacy to development—traversing the public and private sectors, executive and legislative branches, domestic and foreign affairs," said TLG partner and International Practice Director Lauri Fitz-Pegado. "We look forward to exploring how she might serve existing country and corporate clients and develop new business across multiple practice areas. "

TLG's International Practice Group features eight former members of the US House of Representatives, former foreign service officers from the US and other countries, former presidential appointees from key agencies and departments, a host of people with experience in both the non-profit and private sectors. Our business and political reach is beyond the US. In addition to TLG's International Practice Group, TLG has an Affiliate Network that expands to 14 nations. The Affiliate Network allows TLG to have continued business relations with leading experts and firms around the world.

The Livingston Group, LLC was created in March 1999 and provides comprehensive public affairs, government relations and lobbying services on a global basis. A complete overview of their practices, personnel and performance, including a representative client list, is available at www.livingstongroupdc.com.

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