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**CDEL AND BECKER PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REACH
EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE
BECKER MATERIALS IN CHINA**

BEIJING, China and OAKBROOK TERRACE, Ill., United States – December 7, 2009 – China Distance Education Holdings Limited (NYSE: DL) (“CDEL”), a leading provider of online professional education in China, and Becker Professional Education, a subsidiary of DeVry Inc. (NYSE: DV) and a global leader in professional education, today announced an agreement which gives CDEL exclusive rights to distribute Becker Professional Education’s CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Review and CPA Final Review courses and related materials, for both online and in-person courses, in the People’s Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

Through its in-person, online and self-study formats, Becker Professional Education has helped nearly half a million accounting, finance and project management professionals advance their careers. Through this partnership, CDEL will provide students in China with access to Becker Professional Education’s course programs and materials, in English and Chinese via live classroom training, online courses and online self-study programs.

Zhengdong Zhu, Chairman and CEO of CDEL said, “I am very pleased to announce our new relationship with Becker Professional Education, joining the world’s leading provider of U.S. CPA training with by far the largest Chinese CPA training provider. We are excited to offer Becker’s high quality U.S. CPA courseware in China. Becker’s program complements and broadens our existing course offering, extending our range of courses specifically adapted for accounting professionals in China who wish to pursue U.S. CPA designations or gain a better understanding of the U.S. accounting system.”

Tom Vucinic, president of Becker Professional Education agrees, “Combining our high quality materials with CDEL’s unrivaled distribution system in China is a winning



proposition. This relationship expands our presence in this high growth market and further demonstrates our long term commitment to providing complete and career-long professional education solutions to professionals worldwide.”

About China Distance Education Holdings Limited

China Distance Education Holdings Limited is a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education. The courses offered by the Company are designed to help professionals and other course participants obtain and maintain the skills, licenses and certifications necessary to pursue careers in China in the areas of accounting, law, healthcare, construction engineering, information technology and other industries. The Company also offers online test preparation courses to self-taught learners pursuing higher education diplomas or degrees and to secondary school and college students preparing for various academic and entrance exams. In addition, the Company offers online foreign language courses.

About Becker Professional Education

Becker Professional Education, a subsidiary of DeVry Inc. (NYSE: DV), is a global leader in professional education serving the accounting, finance and project management professions. Nearly half a million professionals have advanced their careers through its CPA Exam Review, Review for the CFA® Exams, PMP® Exam Review and Continuing Professional Education offerings. Throughout its 50+ year history, the organization has earned a strong track record of student success through superior teaching, curriculum and learning tools that enable its students to develop the knowledge and performance skills necessary to stay ahead in an ever-changing business world. For more about Becker Professional Education, please visit www.becker.com.



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