

## **Former Jordan's Furniture CEO Joins BL Trading**

**HANOVER, Mass., June 1, 2006** – BL Trading, a leading reseller and full-service data storage hardware, software, and support organization, today announced that Steven Gaskins, former CEO of Jordan's Furniture, has joined the company and will assume the role of President.

As former CEO of Jordan's Furniture, Inc (wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. since January 2000), Steve was instrumental in the day-to-day operations of the company and its substantial growth, establishing Jordan's, through unique innovative practices, as the industry leader in all operational areas and setting a standard for a customer-focused and employee-friendly organization.

"Steve brings an incredible wealth of knowledge and wisdom to BL" said Erik Koplovsky, Chairman of the Board and CEO, "Having positioned and structured Jordan's Furniture to become one of the country's premier furniture retailers through financial strength and customer focused leadership, Steve's strengths will align well with BL's growth strategy. He will drive the future expansion of our operations and solutions as we solidify our position in the market."

"Joining BL at this time is a tremendous opportunity. As organizations become more dependent on their IT strategy to drive growth, the need for predictable, accountable, and repeatable data storage hardware and software solutions is greater than ever before," said Mr. Gaskins.

"Organizations are facing significant challenges in order to be more responsive to business needs, and I believe BL is the right company to help address these challenges. This is a company with a rich history that is synonymous with data storage solutions, and has a strong vision for the future of data storage hardware, software and professional services. I am looking forward to working with the team at BL to help our customers deliver increased business value from our offerings".

"We are extremely pleased to have Steve as our new President," said Koplovsky. "I was impressed with Mr. Gaskins' deep experience in our target markets, his proven leadership in market-leading companies, and the passion he brings as an individual to the need for better customer services. We are confident that BL Trading, behind Mr. Gaskins' leadership, will push forward in its pursuit of delivering best-in-class data storage solutions, and continuing to drive customer success."

### ***About BL Trading***

BL Trading is a leading storage hardware and software company focused on delivering affordable storage solutions to help their customers meet critical business objectives. From their roots as a Data General reseller, BL Trading has evolved into a service-centric organization capable of designing, implementing, and supporting complete IT infrastructures for their clients.

BL Trading has one of the largest inventories of refurbished data storage components in the country, and 18 years of experience in the pre-owned enterprise storage market. BL Trading offers new and refurbished storage arrays, disks, switches, tape libraries, and host bus adapters from leading manufacturers like EMC, Brocade, Emulex, Hitachi, ADIC, and StorageTek. Services capabilities include SAN implementations, storage and server consolidations, database migrations, backup, recovery and archive technologies, network services, and storage and system administration.

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