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The appointments, effective March 1, 2010, bring two experienced, independent directors to the Company's Board.

Fuller currently serves as Chairman of Dealer Services Corporation, an independent inventory financing company he founded in 2005. Earlier, he co-founded CITA, Inc., which was eventually sold to Auto Dealers Exchange Services of America. Fain founded Metro Information Services, an information technology consulting services firm, in 1979 and served as its President and CEO as the company grew to more than 3,500 employees. Metro went public in 1997 and merged with Keane, Inc. in 2001.

"We are very pleased to announce that John Fain and John Fuller are joining Portfolio Recovery Associates' Board of Directors. Their extensive business experience and proven ability to generate growth makes them outstanding additions to our Board. Fuller and Fain both bring valuable skill-sets that will no doubt help Portfolio Recovery Associates take advantage of the great opportunities we see ahead," said Steven D. Fredrickson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"I am very excited to be joining the Board of Portfolio Recovery Associates. The Company's focus on long-term growth and disciplined investing has allowed it to be successful in good times and bad. I look forward to contributing to the Company's continued success," Fain said.

"Portfolio Recovery Associates is a well-run organization that has developed a long-term plan and stuck with it through all types of market conditions. Its growth over the years has validated this disciplined approach, and I am thrilled to be asked to contribute to its future success," Fuller said.

Fuller and Fain will both stand for election at the Company's next annual meeting, which is scheduled for June 4, 2010. Current Board member William P. Brophey has informed the Company that he will not stand for re-election when his term expires at the 2010 annual meeting. After the meeting, the Board will total seven members, up from six prior to the Fain and Fuller appointments.

About Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc. Portfolio Recovery Associates' business revolves around the detection, collection, and processing of both unpaid and normal-course accounts receivable originally owed to credit grantors, governments, retailers and others. The Company's primary business is the purchase, collection and management of portfolios of defaulted consumer receivables. These are the unpaid obligations of individuals to credit originators, which include banks, credit unions, consumer and auto finance companies, and retail merchants. Portfolio Recovery Associates also provides fee-based services, including collateral-location services for credit originators via its IGS subsidiary and revenue administration, audit and debt discovery/recovery services for government entities through both its RDS and MuniServices businesses.

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