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***Wilmington Trust, as Indenture Trustee, Appointed to Unsecured Creditors' Committee  
in Washington Mutual, Inc. Case******No credit or direct investment exposure involved in administrative role***

Wilmington, DE, October 17, 2008 – Wilmington Trust said today that, in its capacity as indenture trustee, it has been appointed by the United States Trustee to serve as a member of the official unsecured creditors' committee for holders of approximately \$43 million of debt guaranteed by Washington Mutual, Inc., which filed for Chapter 11 protection on September 26, 2008 in the U.S. District Court in Delaware.

In this role, Wilmington Trust provides trustee and administrative services for some creditors of Washington Mutual, Inc. Wilmington Trust is paid a fee for these services, which are specified in documents that govern the trust. Wilmington Trust has no credit or investment exposure to Washington Mutual, Inc. in either its loan or investment securities portfolios. Through its Corporate Client Services (CCS) business, Wilmington Trust is a leading provider of institutional trustee, agency, and administrative services.

“Our appointment in this case reflects our position as a premier provider of trustee and administrative services for corporate clients,” said Ted T. Cecala, Wilmington Trust’s chairman and chief executive officer. “We receive engagements such as this because, unlike investment banks that perform trustee

services, we do not have lending or securities underwriting conflicts of interest. Washington Mutual, Inc.'s bankruptcy filing does not affect our balance sheet or bottom line, and it poses no credit or investment risk to us."

### ***About Wilmington Trust***

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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