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INSURANCE FIRM OPENS HOUSTON OFFICE

NEW ORLEANS, LA, FEBRUARY 27, 2009: Gillis, Ellis & Baker, Inc has opened a new office in Houston under the name of Gillis, Ellis & Baker of Texas, PLLC. "We have clients with operations in Texas, and we want to make sure their needs are addressed," say GEB President Anderson Baker. "Additionally, there are significant opportunities for growth that we want to capitalize on."

Kevin Todd Davis will head the office. He comes to the Texas operation with over twenty years of experience in insurance brokerage.

The Houston office will specialize in risk management and insurance placements for large, complex accounts, including construction, healthcare, and energy risks.

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GEB recently celebrated its 75 anniversary in New Orleans and finished 2008 with over \$80 million of premium placements for its clients.

GEB is the New Orleans office of Assurex Global, the world's largest privately-held commercial insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage group.

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