



Loblaw Selects Manhattan Associates to Support Distribution Center Operations

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ATLANTA — December 16, 2008— Global supply chain optimization provider Manhattan Associates, Inc. (NASDAQ: MANH) today announced that Loblaw Companies Limited, Canada's largest food distributor and a leading provider of drugstore, general merchandise and financial products and services has selected Manhattan Associates' Warehouse Management Solution (WMS), the cornerstone of Manhattan's Distribution Management solution suite.

"Manhattan Associates has a long history of working with leading supermarkets to minimize out-of-stocks and increase revenues while optimizing product availability," said Jeff Mitchell, executive vice president, Americas operations, Manhattan Associates. "Manhattan Associates Distribution Management solutions help drive cost savings and increased revenues within the grocery and foodservice industry by fully tapping capacity in warehouses and managing inventory to reduce waste."

"Loblaw is focused on improving its warehouse operations to enhance the efficiency and delivery to our stores and customers," comments Catherine Booth, senior vice president, Information Technology, Loblaw Companies Limited. "We believe Manhattan Associates provides a proven solution for a grocer of our size that will help us advance our distribution center operations."

Manhattan Associates' industry-leading WMS is engineered for optimal collaboration and communication with an extensive network of suppliers and partners. The solution enables companies to utilize space, people, inventory and equipment continually, to conserve labor, fill orders faster and more accurately, save space and reduce overall inventory.

About Loblaw Companies Limited

Loblaw Companies Limited (TSX: L) is Canada's largest food distributor and a leading provider of drugstore, general merchandise, and financial products and services. Loblaw is also one of the largest private sector employers in Canada, with over 140,000 full-time and part-time employees executing its business strategy in more than 1,000 corporate and franchised stores from coast to coast. Loblaw is a subsidiary of George Weston Limited (TSX:WN). For further information about Loblaw please contact: Inge van den Berg, Vice President, Public Affairs & Investor Relations, 905-459-2500 Investors - investor@loblaw.ca ; Media - pr@loblaw.ca

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Manhattan Associates® continues to deliver on its 18-year heritage of providing global supply chain excellence to more than 1,200 customers worldwide that consider supply chain optimization core to their strategic market leadership. The company's supply chain innovations include: Manhattan SCOPE™, a portfolio of software solutions and technology that leverages a Supply Chain Process Platform to help organizations optimise their supply chains from planning through execution; Manhattan ILS™, a portfolio of distribution management and transportation management solutions built on Microsoft® .NET technology; and Manhattan Carrier™, a suite of supply chain solutions specifically addressing the needs of the motor carrier industry. For more information, please visit www.manh.com.

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