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## **MERISTEM ANNOUNCES THREE ADDITIONS TO THE PARTNER TEAM**

Minneapolis – May 1, 2006 – Meristem announced today that Jerry Johnson, Jim Robbins and Jon Crow were named Partners in the firm.

Jerry Johnson joined Meristem in June of 2004 as Chief Operating Officer and was later named President of the firm.

Jim Robbins has been serving the complex financial needs of Meristem's clients in the role of a Senior Client Advisor for over ten years.

Jon Crow came to Meristem through its acquisition of Sargent Management in December of 2004 where he served as a Senior Client Advisor for six years.

Charlie Maxwell, Chairman and CEO of Meristem stated, "As a growing firm, we are pleased to add the collective experience of Jerry, Jim and Jon to the ownership group enabling our continued vision in client service for generations to come."

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