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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Hull and GEC Announce Corporate Merger

DUBLIN, Ohio — Hull & Associates, Inc. (Hull) CEO Craig Kasper and The GeoEnvironmental Consortium, Inc.® (GEC) President Don Zuch recently announced the completion of their corporate merger to create a leading national engineering and environmental consulting firm. This merger creates an integrated firm with a diverse scope of capabilities, while combining a staff of 200 employees across seven strategically-located offices in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic.

“In a time of economic downturn, I’m excited to be announcing the news of our expansion,” said Kasper. “A key focus of Hull’s strategic plan is centered on growth and diversification. Completing this merger expands our resources and opens the door to new geographical markets, increases our in-house expertise and capabilities to serve our clients, and creates greater opportunities for all our employees. This is a major step toward meeting the strategic plan visions we set for ourselves several years ago.”

“With zero overlap in client base and an excellent dove-tailing of our combined professional services, this is a merger that results in a very powerful company that will provide opportunity for our employees and expanded services to our existing clients. I could not be happier to be a part of this growing Hull team,” said Zuch.

Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Hull is a privately held consulting firm specializing in creating sustainable solutions for the urban revitalization, energy, waste management, and industrial markets. GEC, which was founded in 1997 in Pittsburgh, Pa., specializes in environmental site investigation, rapid response, site remediation and geologic and hydrogeologic consulting.

As part of the integration process, and to provide familiarity to current clients and customers, the firm will use a Hull-GEC brand for an interim period. Following the transition, all offices and staff will operate under the Hull & Associates, Inc. brand. Kasper will continue to serve as CEO of the firm; Zuch has been named a Vice President and has joined the Board of Directors.

*With 200 employees and seven offices throughout the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic, Hull-GEC’s focus is to provide innovative, value-added services to many pressing and complex challenges in the urban revitalization, energy, waste management and industrial markets.*

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