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## **CBRL GROUP, INC. ELECTS ERIK VONK TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

LEBANON, Tenn. (August 16, 2005) – CBRL Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRL) today announced the election of Erik Vonk to its Board of Directors as an independent director, effective immediately.

Mr. Vonk is Chairman & CEO of Gevity HR, Inc. (Nasdaq: GVHR). He was appointed to these positions in 2002. He has led Gevity's successful transformation from a Professional Employer Organization into a leader in the HR outsourcing industry. During this time, the company accelerated its profitability and experienced a fivefold increase in its stock price.

Before joining Gevity, Mr. Vonk served as a member of the executive board of Randstad Holding NV, the third largest flexible staffing company in the world. He was President & CEO of Randstad North America, based in Atlanta GA. During his tenure at Randstad North America, Mr. Vonk started the company's North American operations and built it into a profitable organization with \$1.5 billion in revenues.

Mr. Vonk also has extensive experience in the banking industry. He was a member of the executive board of Bank Cantrade AG and held senior management positions at Chase Manhattan Bank and ABN-AMRO Bank.

Michael A. Woodhouse, Chairman, President & CEO of CBRL Group, Inc., commented, "It is a pleasure to welcome Erik Vonk to our Board of Directors. His intelligent and thoughtful approach to building businesses and dealing with the challenges of managing human resources in today's environment will be helpful as we pursue our goal of consistent and sustained growth in revenues and profitability."

Headquartered in Lebanon, Tennessee, CBRL Group, Inc. operates 533 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store restaurants and gift shops located in 41 states and 126 company-operated and 23 franchised Logan's Roadhouse restaurants in 19 states.

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