

News Release

Rapid Ratings hires legal and financial services veteran to lead strategic relations

New York, January 11, 2012 — Rapid Ratings, an independent ratings, research and analytics firm, today announced that Jeffrey Gibb has joined the company as Senior Vice President of Strategic Relations & Head of Legal Operations.

Gibb, a former practicing attorney, in-house counsel for GE Capital and entrepreneur, will have a multi-faceted role at Rapid Ratings. He will be primarily responsible for legal affairs and business development initiatives. Gibb will also work closely with Chairman and CEO, James H. Gellert, on regulatory and legislative activities in Washington D.C.

“Jeff has a wealth of experience across the legal, regulatory and investment sectors that will be of material benefit to Rapid Ratings’ growth in 2012 and beyond,” said Gellert. “I look forward to working with Jeff as we continue our efforts to change the ratings industry for the better through increased competition and transparency. He’s going to be an excellent addition to the team professionally and personally.”

Gibb joins Rapid Ratings with over 25 years of experience in the financial services world as a lawyer and as a strategic business consultant. Gibb spent 12 years practicing real estate and corporate law in New York and Philadelphia, most notably as a senior transactional lawyer for GE Capital and as lead lawyer for transactions at GE Capital Mortgage, the entity that serviced GE’s residential mortgage pools and issued mortgage-based securities. Since 2001, Gibb has run his own consulting and private investment firm that focuses on financial services companies and channeling investors to companies looking to grow.

“Rapid Ratings provides a fresh perspective at a time when a new approach to risk management is much needed,” said Gibb. “I have known the principals of the company for a long time and believe Rapid Ratings is very well positioned to fill the void for objective ratings that has become obvious over the last several years.”

About Rapid Ratings

Rapid Ratings is an independent ratings, research and analytics firm that enables financial institutions and corporations to more effectively manage their risk. Using its Financial Health Ratings (FHRs™), Rapid Ratings predicts the financial viability of thousands of public and private companies in 70 countries across all industry sectors. The combination of Rapid Ratings’ subscriber-paid model and objective, financial-based approach results in the most transparent and accurate ratings available. Clients include Fortune 1000 companies, small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and buy- and sell-side financial institutions from around the world. More information can be found at www.rapidratings.com.