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DAWSON COMPANIES ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF PUTNAM TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Cleveland, Ohio (May 3, 2010)

D. Michael Sherman, Chairman and CEO today announced the acquisition of Putnam Transportation Insurance Agency, Inc., effective May 1, 2010.

Sherman said, "We're very pleased to have Charles L. Putnam and his associates join the Dawson team. They're experts in the transportation industry and will immediately strengthen our expertise in this vital industry."

Operations will continue from the current Putnam Transportation location in Columbus, Ohio with Charles L. Putnam serving as the location leader.

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