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**Amvest Financial Group Advises Gridiron Capital  
on the Acquisition of Bio Landscape & Maintenance and  
Piedmont Landscape**

**Kansas City – May 2, 2008** – Amvest, a leading middle-market investment bank today announced that it advised Gridiron Capital LLC. in the acquisition of Bio Landscape and Maintenance and Piedmont Landscape.

Gridiron Capital, LLC, in partnership with management, today announced the formation of the Yellowstone Landscape Group, Inc. Yellowstone, headquartered in Dallas, Texas. These acquisitions expand the Company's position as a leading environmental steward and provider of commercial estate landscape services in the Southeast and South Central United States. Amvest Financial Group served as an advisor to Gridiron in the transaction.

Yellowstone has grown to become one of the 20 largest landscape services in the United States and is a market-leader in landscape services in its focus markets, serving the Southeast, South Central and Southwest United States. The Company's environmental focus, customer service orientation, desires to expand its geographic reach and belief in the value of its employees as the drivers of a Company's success, complements the culture at both BIO and Piedmont. The Company looks to identify opportunities within each of its platform markets and achieve growth through cross-training, expanding service offerings, sharing best practices throughout the organization and strategic acquisitions.

**About Bio:**

BIO Landscape & Maintenance, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, offering a full range of commercial and institutional services for customer types including governmental, commercial, general contractors and home owners associations. Visit [www.biolandscap.com](http://www.biolandscap.com) for more information.

**About Piedmont:**

Piedmont Landscape Contractors, LLC, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, provides comprehensive maintenance and installation services for retail, commercial, municipal, industry and multi-family communities. Visit [www.piedmontlandscape.com](http://www.piedmontlandscape.com) for more information.

**About Gridiron Capital:**

Gridiron Capital, LLC headquartered in New Canaan, Connecticut, is a private equity firm focused on creating value by acquiring and building middle-market manufacturing, service and specialty consumer companies in the United States and Canada. The firm's principals have historically achieved superior investment returns by employing a combination of strategic, operating and financial experience to provide portfolio companies competitive advantages. Gridiron's portfolio includes Schutt Sports, PAS Technologies, Ramsey Winch, Auto Crane, McKenzie Sports and Electronic Systems Protection. Visit [www.gridironcapital.com](http://www.gridironcapital.com) for more information.

**About Amvest Financial Group:**

Amvest Financial Group, Inc. is a middle-market investment bank based in Kansas City (Independence) Missouri. Founded in 1976, Amvest Financials Group provides financial advisory services to business owners, managers, private equity groups throughout the United States, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, corporate finance, and strategic advisory services.

Amvest often identifies consolidation opportunities in various industries and brings all the components together. Amvest professionals have unique experience as investment banking professionals with many having acquired, operated and sold their own companies. This experience gives them the ability to truly understand our clients and their needs, this experience sets Amvest apart. We invite you to visit our web site at [www.amvest.com](http://www.amvest.com) to learn more about our firm.

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