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**Welker & Company CPAs and Ronald B. Gould, CPA Announce Merger**

Rochester, NY – Christopher L. Welker, CPA, principal of Welker & Company, Certified Public Accountants, and Ronald B. Gould, CPA announce the merger of their accounting firms.

The merge will widen Welker & Company’s presence in the Rochester market and will expand on the firm’s tax, audit, business advisory, and management service offerings. These services will now extend to investment advisory for corporations and individuals as well as a full range of real estate related offerings.

The firm will maintain its’ existing two offices at 225 Tech Park Drive in Henrietta and 920 South Winton Road in Brighton.

“I believe Ron and his staff will bring experience and a wide range of expertise that will enable our firm to expand on our already excellent client service” said Welker. “It’s an exciting time not only for us, but for all of our combined clients as well. With the additional manpower, we are now in a position to provide the services of a larger firm but maintain our small firm personality.”

Gould adds “I am delighted to be part of this progressive step for all concerned. My clients are now assured of a continuity of practice, along with my active participation. Existing Welker & Company clients will now be exposed to an exciting array of auxiliary opportunities.”