



FOX PAINE AND UAE MANAGEMENT CLOSE SALE OF UNITED AMERICAN ENERGY

Foster City, CA (December 15, 2003) – Fox Paine & Company, LLC (“Fox Paine”) announced today that Fox Paine Capital Fund, L.P. and the UAE management have closed the previously announced sale of their majority interest stake in United American Energy Holdings Corp. (“UAE”) to a private investor group. UAE, a developer, acquirer, and operator of electric power generating facilities, owns twelve projects in the Northeast, including a 50% interest in American Ref-Fuel Company LLC (“American Ref-Fuel”), one of the largest owners and operators of waste-to-energy facilities in the United States.

“We are delighted with the accomplishments of UAE and the resulting growth in value of our investment in the company over the past four and a half years,” stated Saul A. Fox, Chief Executive of Fox Paine and Chairman of the Executive Committee of UAE’s Board of Directors. Fox added: “UAE’s great success over this period, when many other participants in the U.S. power industry faltered, is a direct result of the hard work, intense focus, and close collaboration of the UAE and Fox Paine executive teams.

“Working with Fox Paine, UAE tripled its power generating capacity and completed \$2 billion in acquisitions and financings,” added David Goodman, UAE’s President, who founded UAE in 1980.

About Fox Paine:

Fox Paine & Company, LLC manages investment funds in excess of \$1.5 billion, providing equity capital for corporate acquisitions, company expansion and growth programs and management buyouts. The Fox Paine funds are managed on behalf of over 50 leading international financial institutions, including major governmental and corporate pension systems, Fortune 100 companies, major life and property and casualty insurance and reinsurance companies, money center and super regional commercial banks, investment banking firms, and university endowments. Fox Paine was founded in 1997 by Saul A. Fox, a former general partner of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., and W. Dexter Paine, III, a former general partner of Kohlberg & Co.

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