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Red Lion Hotels Names George Schweitzer Chief Operating Officer, Hotel Operations

SPOKANE, WA, November 9, 2009 - Red Lion Hotels Corporation (NYSE: RLH) today announced that George Schweitzer, formerly its Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations, has been named Red Lion's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Hotel Operations.

"Red Lion has received kudos from analysts and investors for how successfully it has managed its hotel portfolio during this economic downturn, and George has been a large part of that success," said Anupam Narayan, Red Lion's President and Chief Executive Officer. "George has a wealth of management experience, both with Red Lion and with other organizations, and the Board of Directors wanted to recognize George and further demonstrate the company's support for him as the person accountable for the success of our hotel operations."

Mr. Schweitzer, 54, has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, including nearly 20 years of experience working in various management and senior management positions at Red Lion's predecessors. Prior to returning to Red Lion, Mr. Schweitzer founded and was President and CEO of LaborSage, Inc., a software and management consulting company focused on labor scheduling solutions for the hospitality industry. He returned to Red Lion as Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations in April 2008.

About Red Lion Hotels Corporation:

Red Lion Hotels Corporation is a hospitality and leisure company primarily engaged in the ownership, operation and franchising of upscale and midscale hotels under its Red Lion® brand. As of September 30, 2009, the RLH hotel network was comprised of 45 hotels located in eight states and one Canadian province, with 8,671 rooms and 431,244 square feet of meeting space. The company also owns and operates an entertainment and event ticket distribution business. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.redlion.com.

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