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Sam L. Susser Honored as 2009 Kirkland Distinguished Visitor by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi College of Business

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –Sam L. Susser, president and chief executive officer of Corpus Christi-based Susser Holdings Corporation, is the recipient of the 2009 G. Russell Kirkland Distinguished Visitor in Business Administration Award presented by the College of Business at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Susser will speak to students, faculty and the community Tuesday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the University campus. Later in the day, he will be officially recognized during the annual Honors Luncheon for outstanding College of Business students.

“Mr. Susser is a distinguished member of our community and a friend of the College and University,” said Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad, dean of the College of Business. “He has contributed to the community in many ways and is an outstanding business executive who achieved much at a very young age. He has the personal qualities and judgment that make him an ideal recipient of this prestigious award.”

Susser received his BBA in finance from the University of Texas and, from 1985-1987, worked for Salomon Brothers Inc. in the corporate finance division and the mergers and acquisitions group. In 1988, he joined Susser Holdings Corporation which has approximately 7,000 employees, approximately \$4 billion in revenue and is traded on the NASDAQ.

Through its subsidiaries, Susser Holdings Corporation operates Stripes Holdings, L.L.C., Susser Petroleum Company and Applied Petroleum Technologies (APT). Susser currently operates more than 510 retail stores under the Stripes, Town & Country

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and Village Market banners. Around 290 of the stores have a restaurant concept, including the Laredo Taco Company and Country Cookin' brands. In addition, Susser Petroleum Company supplies motor fuel to 370 branded locations in its dealer network.

In the community, Susser serves on the Dean's Business Advisory Council for the College of Business at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He is a trustee and past chairman of the Driscoll Foundation, director of the Texas State Aquarium and a director of the Texas Hospital PAC. He is a former director and past president of the USS Lexington Museum, and former director and vice chairman of The Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation.

The G. Russell Kirkland Distinguished Visitor in Business Administration Award was created by friends of the late Mr. Kirkland and the University to honor Kirkland's distinguished service to the University, Corpus Christi, and South Texas. Recipients of the award are honored for their personal accomplishments as well as for their contribution to the success of students, faculty, the University and the Corpus Christi community. Kirkland was the University's vice president for development from 1975 through 1978. Prior to joining the University, he was associated with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. for 35 years.

Previous Kirkland Distinguished Visitor Award recipients are:

2008- Mike Shaw, owner of Mike Shaw Toyota

2007- John J. Buckley, founder and managing partner of the international accounting firm Buckley & Associates, L.L.P.

2006- Melvyn N. Klein, managing general partner of GKH Partners, L.L.P., founder, Melvyn N. Klein Interests

2005- Ruben Bonilla, Jr., chairman of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority

2004- Joe V. Elizondo, entrepreneur and sole proprietor, Greenwood Door Company

2003- Bernard A. Paulson, chairman of the board, TOR Minerals International, Inc.

2002- Wayne O. Stockseth, president and CEO, Parts Distributing Company

2001- Michael A. O'Connor, chairman of the board, Hanover Compressor Company

2000- Al Jones, president and CEO of American Bank