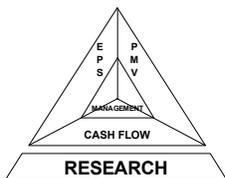


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October 9, 2003 – On September 3, 2003, the New York Attorney General's office (NYAG) filed a complaint in connection with an investigation into the mutual fund share trading practices of certain hedge funds and intermediaries. Neither Gabelli Asset Management nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates has been mentioned in the initial or any subsequent complaints. Recently, the Securities and Exchange Commission sent a request for information to most major mutual fund complexes including Gabelli. Our firm has provided a thorough response to this request.

Early this week, along with other mutual fund companies, Gabelli received a request from the NYAG's office in the form of a subpoena for information relating to trading issues involving mutual fund shares. These requests do not imply any wrongdoing by the recipient firms. We are now in the process of gathering information requested by the NYAG's office.

A memo dated September 3, 2003 from the Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC that was promptly sent to each of the directors of our various mutual funds regarding these issues is posted on our web site at www.gabelli.com/funds.

Gabelli supports strict compliance with and vigorous enforcement of all laws and policies regarding the purchase, sale and valuation of mutual fund shares. We are committed to protecting the best interests of our mutual fund shareholders, clients and stockholders.

Gabelli Asset Management Inc. (NYSE: GBL), through its subsidiaries, manages approximately \$23 billion in assets of mutual funds and closed-end funds (Gabelli Funds, LLC), partnerships (Alternative Investment Group) and private advisory accounts (GAMCO).

Special Note Regarding Forward-looking Information

Our disclosure in this press release may contain some forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements because they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” and other words and terms of similar meaning. They also appear in any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, future performance of our products, expenses, the outcome of any legal proceedings, and financial results. Although we believe that we are basing our expectations and beliefs on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of what we currently know about our business and operations, there can be no assurance that our actual results will not differ materially from what we expect or believe. Some of the factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our expectations or beliefs include, without limitation: the adverse effect from a decline in the securities markets; a decline in the performance of our products; a general downturn in the economy; changes in government policy or regulation; changes in our ability to attract or retain key employees; and unforeseen costs and other effects related to legal proceedings or investigations of governmental and self-regulatory organizations. We also direct your attention

to any more specific discussions of risk contained in our Form 10-K and other public filings. We are providing these statements as permitted by the Private Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We do not undertake to update publicly any forward-looking statements if we subsequently learn that we are unlikely to achieve our expectations or if we receive any additional information relating to the subject matters of our forward-looking statements.