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KEVIN SIDDERS JOINS BLUE BEACON CAPITAL AS MANAGING DIRECTOR

Princeton, New Jersey – February 16, 2009. Blue Beacon Capital, a leading independent investment bank, announced today that Kevin Sidders has joined the firm as a Managing Director. Mr. Sidders has spent more than 16 years as an investment banker, advising leading technology companies on strategic and financial issues in more than 100 completed transactions totaling more than \$12 billion in value. “Blue Beacon has a solid franchise and provides a strong platform for serving the needs of emerging technology companies and their investors,” said Mr. Sidders. “I am thrilled to be a part of this team.”

“Kevin’s deep industry knowledge, extensive relationships with technology companies and financial sponsors, and significant transaction experience will clearly be invaluable to our clients,” said Roger Valdovinos, Managing Director and Founder of Blue Beacon Capital. “We are thrilled to bring a professional of Kevin’s caliber on board to extend the Blue Beacon platform in the Technology industry.”

Mr. Sidders was most recently with the Credit Suisse Technology Group, where he was Head of the U.S. Software industry team. Before joining Credit Suisse in 2004, Mr. Sidders was Head of the Software Group at Thomas Weisel Partners, which he initiated shortly after the firm's inception in 1999 and grew into the firm's most productive industry practice. Prior to that time, Mr. Sidders held investment banking positions of increasing responsibility with Dain Rauscher Wessels, AG Edwards & Sons and PaineWebber.

“The challenging current economic environment has provided an unprecedented opportunity for Blue Beacon to attract exceptional talent and establish leading positions in serving key markets,” said Roger Valdovinos. “With Kevin joining our team, we continue to add significant breadth and depth to our technology industry sector coverage efforts.”

Having focused exclusively on the software sector for the last dozen years, Mr. Sidders has an unparalleled knowledge of and an extensive network of relationships across the broad range of the industry and its many segments. Past companies he has advised include such industry leaders as Microsoft, Oracle, Siebel, Check Point, Verisign, Red Hat, Autodesk and Cadence, as well as a wide variety of smaller public and privately-held companies.

Mr. Sidders received a Master of Management degree with distinction from the J.L. Kellogg School at Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame.



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About Blue Beacon Capital

Blue Beacon Capital is an investment bank serving companies in the telecommunications, media and technology (“TMT”) industries. We provide financial advisory services in connection with mergers, acquisitions, exclusive sales, divestitures, restructurings and private placements. We serve leading public and private companies with an emphasis on middle market and growth stage companies.

We have established a reputation as a trusted advisor to corporate executives and Boards of Directors, helping to devise and execute transactions that enhance shareholder value. Blue Beacon Capital achieves superior results by leveraging our deep TMT knowledge and extensive working relationships with sector executives and capital providers on a global basis.

Our accomplished team of sector transaction specialists has a wealth of M&A and corporate finance transaction experience, and maintains active dialogues with strategic buyers and sellers. We are committed to bring creativity and innovation to deal making.

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