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## **Sirius Computer Solutions Finalizes Recapitalization and Equity Partnership with Thoma Cressey**

*Creating a foundation for continued growth as a leading technology solutions provider*

**San Antonio – Nov 30, 2006** – Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., an IBM® Premier Business Partner, and Thoma Cressey Equity Partners, an investment firm known particularly in the Software, Services, and Healthcare industries, announced a recapitalization agreement on November 10, 2006. Today, November 30, 2006, the agreement has been finalized and Thoma Cressey has acquired an equity interest in Sirius Computer Solutions.

There will be no management changes at Sirius Computer Solutions as a result of this investment and Sirius will continue to operate as an independent entity.

"In a market that is undergoing rapid consolidation, we have decided to continue our aggressive growth strategy by partnering with a firm that has the financial resources to allow us to invest in additional technical and sales expertise across the U.S.," said Harvey Najim, President and CEO of Sirius. "We are now strategically positioned to remain the largest IBM Solution Provider by gaining access to the capital necessary for continued growth. Additionally, we hope to establish new partnerships with many of the companies that Thoma Cressey has in its investment portfolio."

"We chose Thoma Cressey because they are a strong financial partner with experience in the technology marketplace and have several existing software investments," said Joe Mertens, Executive Vice President at Sirius. "They will help us to finance a continued strong growth trend while allowing us to continue to do what we do best – provide technology solutions to customers in the U.S."

Executives at Thoma Cressey and Sirius Computer Solutions are confident that this equity investment will help both companies, their partners, their employees, and their customers.

"This partnership is good news for IBM Systems Group customers, who stand to gain improved service and access to a broader technology portfolio when working with Sirius," said Mark Shearer, IBM General Manager for System i and the Partnership Executive for Sirius. "This announcement is a vote of confidence in Sirius -- who with the backing of an equity partner can now pursue more aggressive growth."

"Sirius Computer Solutions is a leader in technology solutions and the dominant U.S.-based IBM Solution Provider," said Orlando Bravo, Thoma Cressey Managing Partner. "They are successfully delivering real benefit to customers in terms of advanced solutions. Our financial partnership will allow them to invest even more in the right resources to continue in that leadership position. We view IBM as a leader in the industry and look forward to continuing Sirius' relationship with IBM as a value-added reseller and the largest IBM Solution Provider."

Sirius' solutions span across all IBM products, but this announcement comes just after another Thoma Cressey acquisition that relates specifically to the IBM System i servers. Shearer added, "This is Thoma Cressey's third major investment in companies that play in the System i arena in as many months, signaling the investment firm's positive view of the business computing platform."

### **About Sirius:**

Sirius is a national IBM Premier Business Partner dedicated to helping customers implement Advanced Infrastructure Solutions that provide them with a competitive advantage and a positive return on investment. Backed by 25 years of IT experience, Sirius is a nationally-recognized Solution Provider with a certified team of

sales and technical professionals who have the skills, product knowledge, and commitment to help customers develop and implement the right solution to solve their business needs.

**About Thoma Cressey:**

Thoma Cressey Equity Partners is a leading private equity investment firm that has been providing equity and strategic support to experienced management teams building growing companies for more than 25 years. In the technology industry, Thoma Cressey has amassed a portfolio of software earnings in excess of \$300 million. Thoma Cressey's investment focus is on companies in the software, healthcare, business services and consumer products industries. Thoma Cressey currently manages approximately \$2 billion of equity capital.

For more information on Thoma Cressey, visit [www.thomacressey.com](http://www.thomacressey.com).

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