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***SILVERWOOD PARTNERS ADDS SENIOR TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE TO TEAM –
DAVID R. PEPIN JOINS FIRM AS INDUSTRY ADVISOR***

SHERBORN, MA – January 16, 2009 – Silverwood Partners, a specialized technology, consumer and healthcare investment banking firm, announced that David Pepin has joined the firm as an Industry Advisor focused on the technology sector.

Mr. Pepin has over 30 years of management experience across various sectors of the technology industry. After a successful career in engineering, sales, marketing and general management at IBM and Digital Equipment Corporation, he joined The Phoenix Companies, Inc in 1994. While at Phoenix, Mr. Pepin was Founder and President of Phoenix Charter Oak Trust Company, and later Executive Vice President of Phoenix Investment Partners and a member of the board. Most recently, he was responsible for international development for Phoenix including the start up of an investment advisory company in Tokyo. Mr. Pepin is Chairman of Next Generation Ventures, LLC, a joint venture between The Phoenix Companies, Inc. and Connecticut Innovations, Inc., that offers seed-stage venture capital and professional management support to high-tech, start-up companies in Connecticut.

“David Pepin brings executive management experience along with a strong understanding of the technology sector to his role at Silverwood Partners. David’s experience spans involvement as an investor, executive or advisor at all stages of company development from early stage to established, mature businesses. The technology industry has traditionally been an area that has seen some of the highest volume of M&A activity. We expect technology companies will be pursuing acquisitions for strategic portfolio fill-ins and we expect to see smaller company transactions increase as they look to join forces with larger organizations to gain critical mass,” said Jonathan Hodson-Walker, Managing Partner of Silverwood Partners.

“Silverwood’s focus on providing a top tier capability in M&A and advisory work combined with a real depth of expertise in selected industry sectors is a great match for my outlook and approach. The firm is rapidly expanding its presence in its targeted industries and I look forward to working with the Silverwood team in the technology, healthcare and specialized industry sectors,” said David Pepin.

About Silverwood Partners

Silverwood Partners is a sector focused investment bank that provides M&A and private capital raising advisory services to information, communications, financial services, and digital imaging technology companies, and healthcare, industrial and consumer companies. Silverwood delivers acquisition, divestiture or corporate sale advisory, strategic-financial advisory and institutional financing services to companies in its targeted business sectors. For additional information, visit Silverwood’s Website at www.silverwoodpartners.com.

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