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***SILVERWOOD PARTNERS ADDS MEDIA COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
EXPERT TO EXECUTIVE TEAM***

SHERBORN, MA – January 21, 2002 – Silverwood Partners today announced that John Bowen has joined its executive team. Mr. Bowen was most recently with First Albany Corporation where he was the senior research analyst for the media communication technology sector covering such companies as Adobe Systems Inc. and Macromedia Inc. He has also covered enterprise software, and the security and network management sectors.

“John Bowen brings a depth of experience and industry knowledge to Silverwood that will help the firm provide important perspectives to our technology clients that provide communications technology to broadcast, entertainment and enterprise customers. As a firm, we focus strongly on user interface technologies that enhance and improve the interaction process. John Bowen’s sector coverage will be an important complement to our initiatives” said Jonathan Hodson-Walker, Managing Partner of Silverwood Partners.

Mr. Bowen’s experience prior to First Albany includes 12 years as an executive selling database and middleware technologies at Sybase, Inc., enterprise software at Control Data Systems, Inc., computer-aided design systems at EDS/McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and hardware, software and consulting products at Digital Equipment Corporation. Mr. Bowen holds an MBA in Finance from Babson College and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

Mr Bowen is currently preparing an analysis of the media communication technology industry for release in late 2002. The analysis will include a review of the trends in video, audio and other interaction technologies that are used in the broadcast, entertainment and enterprise sectors.

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