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Cogent Partners Sponsors TechVenture Asia 2006 Conference

Dallas – August 16, 2006 – Cogent Partners, a private equity-focused investment bank, today announced that it will be the leading sponsor for TechVenture Asia 2006, one of the premier private equity conferences focused exclusively on the Asian region. The annual conference will be held November 1-2 at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibit Centre.

In its 10th year, TechVenture Asia has achieved a foothold in the region as the foremost private equity conference where global investors congregate to exchange market insights and build networks across the region.

“Cogent Partners specializes in helping our clients capitalize on international opportunities, and the Asian market has become a key factor in many of our transactions,” said Stephen Sloan, Managing Director at Cogent Partners. “We are proud to play a central role in the continuing discussion through TechVenture 2006.”

This year’s conference will seek to build awareness of Asia’s growing stature in the international private equity community, exploring topics such as returns and performance benchmarks, strategies for investing and building out investment programs in the region, and the growing opportunity for buyouts. In addition, each year’s conference provides attendees the opportunity to strengthen existing ties and develop new relationships through interactive discussion panels and networking events.

For more information about the conference, visit www.techventure-asia.com.

About Cogent Partners

Cogent Partners is a leading private equity-focused investment bank that specializes in secondary market transactions and related private equity research products for institutional investors. Recognized globally as the leader in private equity sell-side advisory services, Cogent Partners has earned a reputation for successfully initiating, marketing, negotiating, structuring and closing the sale of private equity assets. Since inception, the company has advised on more than \$11 billion in private equity commitments. The firm’s research group offers a range of private equity monitoring and due diligence services. Cogent Partners is headquartered in Dallas, with offices in New York, London and Tokyo.

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