

MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Global securities industry services provider, Computershare Limited (ASX:CPU) today announced that it has appointed Mr. William E. Ford to its Board as an additional non-executive director. Mr. Ford is a General Partner at General Atlantic Partners, LLC where he has worked since 1991.

General Atlantic is an international private equity investment firm focused on information technology, process outsourcing and communications businesses globally. General Atlantic has over USD 5 billion in capital under management and current holdings in 60 portfolio companies worldwide.

Mr. Ford brings an extensive understanding of financial markets and has specific expertise in the finance and consumer sectors. Mr. Ford has worked closely with several portfolio companies and is director of public companies, including Critical Path, Inc.; E*TRADE Group, Inc.; and SoundView Technology Group, Inc. and several private companies.

The Company's Chairman, Mr Alexander (Sandy) Murdoch, said that Computershare is delighted to have Mr. Ford join the Board and noted that his addition will further strengthen the Company's North American board representation following the appointment of Philip DeFeo last year.

General Atlantic Partners, LLC currently has a 5% shareholder interest in Computershare.

"General Atlantic is pleased to be an investor in Computershare, and I am excited to join the board of directors," said Mr. Ford. "Computershare has tremendous opportunity to leverage its financial services expertise, global capability and proven technology in the US, Europe and Asia. I look forward to working with management to continue building the value and leadership position of Computershare worldwide."

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About Computershare Limited (CPU)

Computershare Limited is a leading financial services and technology provider for the global securities industry, providing services and solutions to listed companies, investors, employees, exchanges and other financial institutions. It is the largest and only global share registry, managing more than 68 million shareholder accounts for over 7,500 corporations in ten countries on five continents, and it provides sophisticated trading and surveillance technology to financial markets in fourteen countries across each major time zones. Founded in Australia in 1978 and headquartered in Melbourne, Computershare employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. For more information visit the company web site <http://www.computershare.com>

About General Atlantic Partners, LLC

General Atlantic Partners, LLC, is the world's leading private equity investment firm focused exclusively on investing in information technology, process outsourcing and communications businesses globally. The firm was founded in 1980 and has over \$5 billion in capital under management. General Atlantic has current holdings in over 60 companies, of which almost one-third are based outside the United States and which include Critical Path, Digital China, Eclipsys, Exult, IXOS Software AG, Liberata, Patni Computer Systems, ProxyMed, SESA, SRA International, Upromise, Xchanging and Zagat. The firm is distinguished within the investment community by its deep experience and expertise in information technology, its global perspective and worldwide presence, its long-term approach to investments, and its commitment to provide sustained strategic assistance for its portfolio companies. General Atlantic has about 90 professionals among its 140 employees worldwide with offices in Greenwich, New York, Palo Alto, Reston, London, Düsseldorf, Singapore, Tokyo, Mumbai, Hong Kong, and São Paulo. See www.gapartners.com for additional information.