



**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS
ADVISES COMMUNICATOR INC. IN ITS
SALE TO MARKIT GROUP LIMITED**

DEAL MARKS FT PARTNERS' FOURTH CROSS-BORDER M&A TRANSACTION

San Francisco, May 10, 2006 – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”), founded by former Goldman Sachs (NYSE: GS) senior banker Steve McLaughlin, today announced the completion of another successful transaction in the financial technology sector with its representation of Communicator, Inc. (“Communicator”) to Markit Group Limited (“Markit”).

“We are extremely pleased to have worked with Leo Schlinkert and the team at Communicator in finding the right strategic partner for the company,” said Steve McLaughlin, FT Partners’ Founder and Managing Partner. “The Markit-Communicator combination is a perfect fit in so many ways and we are proud to be a part of making this important transaction a reality.”

Founded in 1999, Communicator provides buy and sell-side financial firms with real-time communications, automated solutions for OTC derivatives trade processing, compliance and counterparty management. The company also provides identity management and information hub technology which drives Bond.Hub, the most successful bond research platform in the financial industry. The company is based in White Plains, New York.

London-based Markit Group Limited is the leading industry source of independent pricing, reference data and valuations for the global financial and commodities markets. Markit receives data contributions from over 60 dealing firms, and its services are used by 450 institutions globally. Areas of product expertise include OTC derivatives (credit, equity, FX, rates, inflation, energy, power and metals), corporate bonds, syndicated loans, dividend forecasting, and index and ETF management. The company also provides operational benchmarking.

“FT Partners’ expertise in financial technology and understanding of our business made it an easy decision to hire them,” said Leo Schlinkert, President and CEO of Communicator. “Steve and his entire team have been critical to this historic step in Communicator’s evolution.”

The Communicator transaction marked the fourth time FT Partners has acted as exclusive advisor in a cross-border acquisition. FT Partners represented Lynk Systems, Inc. in its \$525 million sale to The Royal Bank of Scotland, represented Verus Financial Management in its \$325 million sale to Sage Group plc and represented Iverson Financial in its sale to Belgium-based Capital Markets Company (Capco).

About Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC

FT Partners is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing strategic and financial advisory services to CEOs in the dynamic financial services and technology sector. Mr. McLaughlin formerly was a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s Financial Technology Group and was the senior investment banker in the Financial Institutions Group in San Francisco before leaving the firm to form FT Partners. FT Partners is comprised of a team of experienced investment bankers formerly with the financial technology, M&A and investment banking groups of Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse First Boston, and J.P. Morgan. FT Partners was recognized by The M&A Advisor as "Investment Banking Firm of the Year" for 2004 and for its role as IPO advisor to VeriFone Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:PAY) in the "Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year" for 2005. The firm offers CEO-level services, including mergers and acquisitions advisory, IPO advisory, refinancing, recapitalization and private capital raising. FT Partners was founded by Mr. McLaughlin in late 2001 and is based in San Francisco. Steven J. McLaughlin is a registered representative of FTP Securities LLC, an NASD broker-dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of Financial Technology Partners L.P. Any securities related transactions contemplated by or acted upon hereunder are conducted solely by Mr. McLaughlin in this capacity. For additional information, visit <http://www.ftpartners.com>.

About Communicator Inc.

Communicator Inc is a financial technology firm that offers all-inclusive, automated solutions for identity management, communications, compliance and operations. The privately-held firm was created in 1999 and soon launched its first information and identity hub - the industry leading Bond.Hub - with Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and MorganStanley. Around the world, financial firms use Communicator products and services to securely communicate critical information, enhance trading operations, and reduce operational risk. Communicator is based in White Plains, NY.

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