

Media Release

Ohio-Midwest Fund Invests \$11 Million in Two Columbus-Based Private Equity Funds

Seven Ohio Funds Selected by Credit Suisse, Totaling \$46 Million

Columbus, OH, September 21, 2006 Credit Suisse and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Ohio PERS) today announced the investment of \$11 million in two Columbus-based private equity funds, Stonehenge Opportunity Fund II and Reservoir Venture Partners II. These latest commitments bring the total investments made to \$46 million out of the \$51 million regional program, the Ohio PERS/Credit Suisse Ohio-Midwest Fund. Credit Suisse's Customized Fund Investment Group, which manages the Ohio-Midwest Fund, selected the two funds from 30 submissions.

"After a thorough review process, we've selected seven funds thus far for the Ohio-Midwest Fund," said Mike Arpey, Managing Director of Credit Suisse's Customized Fund Investment Group. "All seven funds hold a significant market presence in Ohio and the Midwest region, possess a strong track record of successful investing, and represent a diverse portfolio of venture capital, growth capital and buyout funds that will capitalize on those sectors in which this state has particular expertise. We're very confident in the selections made to date and are looking forward to putting this money to work for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and delivering strong returns to its members."

The \$51 million Ohio-Midwest Fund was established by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and Credit Suisse in 2005. It is a fund-of-funds which invests in high quality, private equity funds that focus, in whole or in part, on making investments in Ohio and the Midwest region. Ohio PERS contributed \$50 million of that total, with the remaining \$1 million contributed by Credit Suisse.

"The quality and diversity of the funds selected for the Ohio-Midwest Fund are a testament to the investment potential available in this state," said Greg Uebele, Senior Investment Officer-External Management, Ohio PERS. "With offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus, our fund managers are familiar with our state and region. Each fund will emphasize Ohio opportunities for investments, which allows for local entrepreneurs and emerging businesses to be exposed to new capital."

Stonehenge Opportunity Fund II and Reservoir Venture Partners II offer expertise across a range of industries, which include some of Ohio's strongest areas such as information technology, biosciences, and advanced materials, providing for a diverse portfolio of investments.

Stonehenge Opportunity Fund II, based in Columbus, Ohio, invests primarily in mature, middle-market companies with annual revenues between \$15 million and \$150 million. The Principals of Stonehenge have a long history of making private equity investments in Ohio with a record of profitability in growth financings, leveraged buyouts, and management-led recapitalizations of entrepreneur-owned companies and non-core subsidiaries of corporate parents.

Reservoir Venture Partners II, based in Columbus, Ohio, has a leading market presence in the Central Ohio region, targeting investments in seed and early stage technology companies with an emphasis in the healthcare, information technology and advanced materials sectors. With a second office in Cleveland, Reservoir specifically focuses on investing in the Ohio and Midwest region. To date, Reservoir has invested in 10 Ohio-based companies.

The other funds selected include the Riverside Micro-Cap Fund (offices in Cleveland, New York, San Francisco and Dallas), Draper Triangle Ventures II (offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh), Triathlon Medical Ventures (offices in Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and St. Louis), Blue Point Capital Partners II (offices in Cleveland, Charlotte and Seattle) and Strength Capital Partners II (offices in Cincinnati and Birmingham, MI) for a total investment of \$46 million.

Fund managers at each firm intend to source investments in Ohio companies. The Ohio-Midwest Fund has made an expected ten-year commitment to each of the funds, and each fund has four to six years in which to make their investments.

For more information about the Ohio-Midwest Fund, visit www.ohioinvestmentfund.com.

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