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ESI TECHNOLOGIES ACQUIRES MULTIFORCE TECHNOLOGIES

This transaction confirms ESI's expertise in data storage and high availability and reinforces its presence in the Quebec City market

Montreal, September 14, 2006 – ESI Technologies, the leading independent solutions integrator in Quebec in IT security and high availability, has announced its recent acquisition of Multiforce Technologies (formerly Sun Quebec Inc.), a company specializing in consulting, data storage and system integration solutions. Therefore, with this transaction, ESI continues its expansion in line with its growth plans.

This strategic acquisition will enable ESI to establish a solid presence in Quebec City, and to benefit from the synergy between the two companies. Multiforce's proven expertise in the Sun environment in Quebec represents the perfect complement to ESI's expertise in data storage, high availability and security. As a result, ESI can combine Multiforce's expertise in data storage technologies (Sun-StorageTek, HDS and Symantec) with its own high-level integration capabilities. Multiforce has built a team of proven experts in strategic consulting, architecture and development. Based in Quebec City, the team is available to guide organisations through the process of improving efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, the transaction gives ESI access to an established customer base, as well as an opportunity to market its products and services. ESI will also benefit from the high calibre of Multiforce's technical team, which has been active in Quebec for more than 15 years. According to Greg Rokos, President of ESI Technologies: "In a context of consolidation, our acquisition of Multiforce will help us to maintain our position as the leading independent integrator in Quebec for data security, storage, and high availability".

Multiforce's activities will be integrated into those of ESI. Jean-Luc Calonne, the current president and CEO of Multiforce, will continue with his responsibilities and will now be part of the ESI team.

"The market definitely needs some proven specialists to ensure data storage and availability," Mr. Calonne declared. "In light of this, Multiforce Technologies is joining forces with an integrator that has proven its worth, and that will capitalize on our knowledge of the Sun environment."

Prior to this acquisition, ESI Technologies was anticipating revenues of \$45M for 2006, an increase of \$10M over 2005. The acquisition should further accelerate the company's growth, bringing its forecasted revenues to \$65M for 2007.

About Multiforce Technologies

Founded in 1991, Multiforce Technologies operates in three main sectors of activity: professional services, the integration of technological infrastructures, and the development of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). The Company also offers technological architecture, SOA, and project evaluation and management services, among others. Drawing on certified experience, Multiforce's technical solutions are primarily aimed at information processing centres, and include server consolidation as well as data storage, protection, and security. Multiforce implements solutions using products from major manufacturers such as Sun-StorageTek, Oracle, Symantec-Veritas, Hitachi Data Systems, IBM, McData, and Brocade, and has offices in Montreal and Quebec City. For more information concerning Multiforce Technologies, visit its website, at www.multiforce.com.

About ESI Technologies

ESI Technologies specializes in the development and profitable management of high-performance, flexible, and secure technological infrastructures that meet each client's specific business goals. It offers consulting services and implements a wide range of solutions to ensure the security, availability, and performance of critical data, applications, and networks. It also designs and deploys Web and Windows applications in Microsoft.NET environments. Through its proprietary Windows application, **ACTION**, ESI also offers an integrated suite of flexible, user-friendly, and scalable business solutions. ESI Technologies is based in Montréal, with offices in Quebec City and Toronto. For more information on ESI Technologies, visit its website, at www.esitechnologies.com.

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