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ESI TECHNOLOGIES AND RIVERBED SIGN KEY PARTNERSHIP

**The Canadian firm presents advanced Riverbed solutions
for the optimisation of wide area networks**

Montreal, December 5, 2007 - ESI Technologies is proud to announce its partnership with the American corporation Riverbed. Riverbed, a pioneer and market leader in wide-area data services (WDS) solutions (several sites, between offices across town or across the globe), provides the first comprehensive solution addressing the most frequently encountered issues over the wide-area network. This partnership will enable ESI to improve its global offering and to further the advancement and innovation displayed by its various practices. Riverbed's technological solution is currently the fastest-growing technology in the field of networking.

Riverbed's WDS solutions enable organizations to overcome a host of severe problems, including poor application performance and insufficient bandwidth at remote sites. By speeding the performance of applications between distributed sites by 5 to 50 times and in some cases up to 100 times between enterprise datacenters and remote offices, WDS appliances enable companies to consolidate IT, improve back-up and replication processes to ensure data integrity, and improve staff productivity and collaboration. Be it for purposes of file-sharing, email back-up, SSL, document management systems and IT tools, as well as ERP and CRM solutions, organisations now turn to Riverbed's market-leading appliances in order to enjoy real-time collaboration and efficient IT consolidation. By means of this technology, the performance levels of wide-area networks can make their way to becoming comparable to those of local networks.

With the spread of the use of WANs, Riverbed provides significant advantages and returns on investment are usually achieved within six to nine months. "We have always wanted to help our clients maintain their competitive advantage by being constantly on the lookout for tools that can address the new realities faced by their organisation", said André Lord, Director of storage and high availability solutions with the ESI Technologies group. "We are proud of our relationship with Riverbed and will thus be able to bring our storage and high availability practice to new heights by offering the most advanced solutions in the industry".

Riverbed's expertise has been widely recognised in the industry for some years now. Recipient of Infoworld's Technology Innovations Awards for three years in a row, the company has also been named Networking Company of the year by the Gartner group in 2006. Moreover, with its advancement of over 18 months in the field of wide-area data services, Riverbed is favourably positioned in the Gartner Magic Quadrant's top right quartile (leaders' position).

About ESI Technologies

ESI Technologies is a Canadian leader in terms of architecture, design, deployment and support of technological solutions, be it on site or remotely, ensuring the availability, security, conformity and performance of data, applications and critical networks. ESI also deploys an on-demand IT service management solution (Octopus), based on ITIL standards, and offers integrated business management solutions such as Action, Microsoft Business Solutions and Oracle. ESI Technologies is headquartered in Montreal, with offices in Toronto and Quebec City. For more information on ESI Technologies, please visit www.esitechnologies.com.

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