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FREEMAN & CO. ADVISES PANMURE GORDON & CO. PLC ON ACQUISITION OF THINKEQUITY PARTNERS LLC

NEW YORK and LONDON, February 20, 2007 – Freeman & Co. LLC, a leading independent advisor to the financial services industry, announced today that it advised London based Panmure Gordon & Co. plc in reaching a definitive agreement to acquire ThinkEquity Partners LLC, a US based research led growth investment bank. The acquisition is subject to regulatory and other approvals and is anticipated to complete before the end of March.

This is Freeman & Co.'s second announced trans-Atlantic transaction since it established its London office in 2006 and it represents the fourteenth trans-Atlantic deal for Freeman & Co. since its establishment.

About Panmure Gordon

Panmure Gordon is a corporate and institutional stockbroker which provides corporate finance advice, distributes and trades securities and publishes investment research on behalf of a wide range of clients. The firm is one of the oldest established stockbrokers in London, having been founded in 1876 by Harry Panmure Gordon. Panmure Gordon is quoted on AIM (PMR.L). As at 16 February, 2007 its market capitalisation was £116 million. For more information on Panmure Gordon please visit www.panmure.com.

About ThinkEquity Partners LLC

ThinkEquity Partners LLC is a research-centric institutional investment firm focused on the growth economy. ThinkEquity Partners LLC is dedicated to providing focused

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insight, advisory services, and capital to institutional investors and corporate constituents in the knowledge economy's key growth verticals, including technology, healthcare, media and consumer business services. For more information about ThinkEquity Partners LLC, please visit www.thinkequity.com. Member NASD and SIPC.

About Freeman & Co. LLC

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