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RiverOne Sets Standard for Interactivity with Latest Software Release
for High-Tech Supply Chains

INTERactive Suite Version 4.5 Improves Support for Outsourced, Multi-Tier Relationsh

Westlake Village, Calif. — Feb. 19, 2002 — RiverOne Inc., which provides real-time, interactive s
chain solutions and value-added services to the electronics manufacturing industry, announced too
release of version 4.5 of its INTERactive software suite. This major upgrade adds new customer-d
features designed to help supply-chain partners share and manage critical business information ac
multi-tier outsourcing relationships.

RiverOne's INTERactive solutions enable original-equipment manufacturers (OEMs), elect
manufacturing services (EMS) providers, component manufacturers, franchised distributors and thi
party logistics (3PL) companies to improve "outside the four walls" communication across their exte
supply chains. The expanded suite sets a new standard for collaboration by enabling trading partn
visualize and respond to exception events in real-time. In particular, this added "interactivity" allows
trading partners to achieve alignment and execute build-to-order and automated-replenishment pro

The ability to visualize and update information across enterprises is especially relevant give
industry's increasing reliance upon vendor-managed inventory (VMI) initiatives. VMI suppliers now
immediate access to the customer's most current inventory and forecast data, enabling them to eff
maintain contractual service levels and deliver materials when requested or at preset depletion lev

RiverOne customers currently using the upgraded INTERactive suite include SMART Mod
Technologies (a division of Solectron), Sony Logistics of America and other high-tech industry lead

 "To remain competitive in the face of economic pressures, thinning margins and industry
consolidation, electronics manufacturers have continued to shift toward outsourced production and
programs," said Nima Bakhtiary, RiverOne's president and chief operating officer. "While such stra
initiatives can produce significant bottom-line improvements, they also increase the complexity of tr
relationships and create a much broader communications challenge. Our solutions uniquely addre
need by enabling organizations to interact across extended supply chains, while continuing to use t
current processes and technology infrastructure."

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Offered in the customer's choice of hosted or delivered-license model, this release of River
INTERactive solutions suite features the following enhancements:

- **Increased support for "n-tier" strategic supply chain programs:** Third-party roles
  functionality now supported across the entire suite to enable even the most complex us
  cases (e.g., outsourced direct-ship model).

- **Expanded business-rules library:** Accelerates implementation of a wide range of sup
  chain replenishment strategies, including consignment, VMI and Just-In-Time/Kanban
  programs.

- **New global "track and trace:"** Enables customers to determine the location of invent
  motion," as well as its status at point of origin and destination.

- **Improved implementation tools:** Updated integration support for popular ERP system
  (e.g. SAP, Oracle), as well as more robust signal-monitoring tools.

- **Added inventory and lead-time configuration:** Lead-time and quantity-on-hand facto
  now be configured at the trading-partner level to accommodate the service priorities of
  customer.

- **Enhanced business-intelligence capabilities:** Users can now monitor key supply-ch
  metrics, such as forecast accuracy, VMI service level and on-time delivery; each metri
  calculated directly from actual transaction data.

RiverOne's INTERactive solutions are designed to work directly with each organization's cu
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Supply Chain Management (SCM) software. The compa
built-in CrossStream technology acts as a universal translator to bridge the gaps among the dispar
systems, data formats and part numbering schema used across multiple trading partners. This XM
based technology supports all current and emerging communication standards, including Electroni
Interchange (EDI), RosettaNet and BizTalk.

About RiverOne

RiverOne Inc. *(www.riverone.com)* provides innovative software solutions that enable "outs
four walls" communications interactivity, linking trading partners across outsourced electronics-indu
supply chains. Offered in the customer's choice of hosted or delivered-license model, RiverOne's
solutions create a private environment that maximizes each participant's existing connectivity and
technology infrastructure. This creates the ability for partners to easily share supply and demand
information, and to manage and execute changes, all in real-time. RiverOne's INTERactive softwa
suite allows companies to manage direct materials more efficiently throughout the product lifecycle
improving key business processes, including sourcing, procurement, order-lifecycle management a
inventory management. As part of its complete solution, the company also provides value-added
services to assist its customers with difficult sourcing and excess-inventory disposition challenges.

For more than 18 years, RiverOne (newly-named last November to reflect the merger of Need2Buy and Efinity) has served the electronics industry by deploying the latest technologies ava to help its customers address pervasive supply-chain challenges. RiverOne now takes the potenti collaboration to the next level by introducing spontaneous, interactive communication to extended chain relationships, enabling trading partners to make faster, better-informed and more profitable decisions.

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