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Stanford Global Technology Symposium Brings International Perspective to Technology Investing

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 19 /PRNewswire/ — The Stanford Global Technology Symposium, the West Coast's premier conference on technology investing in emerging markets and the only investor conference endorsed by Stanford University, concluded successfully last Friday in Palo Alto, California.

The Symposium, now in its fourth year, continued to attract many of Silicon Valley's foremost names to its speaker roster. Speakers from the venture capitalist world included Tim Draper of Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Aaron Gershenberg of SVB Capital, Mark Gorenberg of Hummer Winblad, Pitch Johnson of Asset Management Company, Deepak Kamra of Canaan Partners, Vani Kola of New Enterprises Associates, Ray Layne of Kleiner Perkins. Also speaking were representatives from Deloitte & Touche, EMC, Hitachi, IBM, Google, Microsoft, Motorola, Nestle, Procter & Gamble, Siemens, Sitronics, Tata, Turner Broadcasting, Unilever, and other prominent corporations, as well as government and academic representatives such as Tom Campbell of the Haas School of Business at U.C. Berkeley, Professor Channing Robertson of Stanford University, and Valery Shantsev, Governor of Russia's Nizhny Novgorod Region.

The phenomenally successful fourth Symposium built upon the momentum of the previous three years by focusing not only on companies in Russia, as before, but also in surrounding technology corridors such as China, India, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Switzerland, and Ukraine. Alexandra Johnson, president of the Symposium's organizing committee, said, "Silicon Valley has grown increasingly aware of investment opportunities in emerging markets, and the diversity of speakers at this year's event reflects this newfound international perspective."

Alexandra Johnson, President of the Symposium's organizing committee, said, "What the Symposium demonstrates is that real opportunities exist for collaboration between entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and financiers in the emerging markets space."

The Symposium is produced in conjunction with Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and the International Economic Alliance. It is the only Stanford-supported investment event that focuses on global emerging markets.

The fifth Symposium will take place on January 30 through February 1, 2008.

About the Stanford Global Technology Symposium
The U.S.-Russia Technology Symposium at Stanford was founded in 2004 to cultivate a transatlantic network of businesspeople and policymakers interested in Russian technology in response to the Silicon Valley's interest in international investing and Russia's desire to diversify its economy beyond oil and gas. The Symposium has since broadened its focus to the changes affecting the world economy today. Its format encourages substantive and interactive dialogue among participants.

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This year's Symposium was supported and sponsored by prestigious organizations, such as, The Polish Trade Council, The Russian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association and The Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies at Stanford University, Sitronics, The Region of Nizhny Novgorod, Deloitte, Google, IBM, Mirantis, Baganov International Group and SVB Capital.