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Com21 Receives Working Capital Line of Credit from Silicon Valley Bank

MILPITAS, CA (December 17, 2001) - Com21, Inc. (Nasdaq: CMTO), a leading global provider of system solutions for the broadband access market, announced today that it has finalized a $10 million asset-based line of credit with Silicon Valley Bank. The Silicon Valley Bank line of credit replaces the previous line of credit with another lender; the earlier line expired in December. The line of credit will be used for working capital needs to help fund the Company's ongoing operations.

"It is a pleasure to partner with Silicon Valley Bank, the premier lender to high technology businesses," said Com21 Chief Financial Officer Ralph Marimon. "They understand the technology market better than any other bank and we are very pleased that we have been able to expand our relationship with them. We look forward to a long partnership."

About Silicon Valley Bank
Silicon Valley Bank serves emerging growth and middle market companies in targeted niches, focusing on technology and life sciences, while also addressing other specific industries in which it can provide a higher level of service and better manage credit through specialization and focus.

The Bank operates throughout the Silicon Valley: Fremont, Santa Clara, Palo Alto and Sand Hill, the center of the venture capital community in California. Other regional offices within California include: Irvine, Los Angeles, Napa Valley, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Sonoma. Office locations outside of California include: Phoenix, Arizona; Boulder, Colorado; West Palm Beach, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; New York, New York; Durham, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Austin, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Northern Virginia; and Seattle, Washington. More information on the Bank can be found at www.svb.com.

About Com21, Inc.
Com21, Inc. (www.com21.com) is a leading global supplier of system solutions for the broadband access market. The Company's ATM, DOCSIS, EuroDOCSIS, and DVB-based products enable cable operators and service providers to deliver high-speed, cost-effective Internet and telephony applications to corporate telecommuters, small businesses, home offices, and residential users. To date, Com21 has shipped over 1.8 million cable modems and over 1,700 headend controllers worldwide. Com21 systems offer commercial service in cable systems passing 19 million households worldwide.

Com21 is an ISO 9001 registered company with over 175 employees worldwide. The Company's corporate headquarters is located in Milpitas, California, USA, with its European sales and support center in Delft, The Netherlands. In addition, Com21 maintains a research and development facility in Cork, Ireland, as well as sales and support offices in the United States and Canada, Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

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