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SVB Silicon Valley Bank Provides $19 Million in Buyout Financing for Vector Capital's Acquisition of Tripos

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. - April, 24, 2007 - SVB Silicon Valley Bank, the premier commercial bank for technology and life science companies of all sizes, today announced it provided $19 million in senior secured debt to assist Vector Capital with its acquisition of the Discovery Informatics division of Tripos, Inc. (Nasdaq: TRPS). Vector Capital, a leading private equity firm specializing in spinouts, buyouts and recapitalizations of established technology businesses acquired a division of Tripos, L.P., a provider of specialized software for researchers in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and academic fields, for approximately $26 million.

The financing is part of SVB Silicon Valley Bank's growing activity in providing structured debt and banking solutions to private equity firms in the buyout arena and their technology and life science portfolio companies.

"We're pleased to be working with Vector, and to be helping fund the acquisition and growth of mature technology companies in the same way we have been supporting venture-backed companies for over two decades," said Brian Sherer, managing director at SVB Silicon Valley Bank. "We've found that the model of relationship building that is so essential to serving the venture community adapts very well to the private equity world."

"We were impressed with SVB's ability to understand the transaction in a short period of time, flexibility in transaction structure and preparedness to support us with additional capital to fund acquisitions," said Amish Mehta, partner at Vector Capital.

About Tripos
Tripos, L.P. helps pharmaceutical companies and research facilities around the world successfully accelerate the identification and optimization of new compounds that have the potential to become drug products. Headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., Tripos Discovery Informatics services more than 1,000 customers spanning more than 46 countries. Further information on Tripos can be found at www.tripos.com.

About Vector Capital
Vector Capital is a leading private equity firm specializing in buyouts, spinouts and recapitalizations of established technology businesses. Vector identifies and pursues these complex investments in both private and public markets. Vector actively partners with management teams to devise and execute new financial and business strategies that materially improve the competitive standing of these businesses and enhances their value for employees, customers and shareholders. Among Vector's notable investments are Savi Technology, LANDesk Software, Corel Corporation (Nasdaq: CREL), Register.com, Watchguard Technologies, and SafeNet Inc (pending). For more information, visit www.vectorcapital.com.

About SVB Silicon Valley Bank
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