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Silicon Valley Bank's Jim Hori and Shamini Dhana to Participate in Siliconindia Annual Conference Panels on November 16 & 17

SANTA CLARA, CA - November 16, 2001 - Jim Hori, senior relationship manager in Silicon Valley Bank's South Bay Division, and Shamini Dhana, director of the Bank's International Venture Capital Group, will both be participating in panels at siliconindia's upcoming Annual Conference on November 16 & 17.

Hori's panel is called "Surviving the Wave: Good Financial Engineering" and will discuss how savvy financial management is key for businesses that want to survive the economic downturn. The panel will be moderated by Raman Chitkara, partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Hori will be joined on the panel by Virender Ahluwalia, CFO of Shutterfly; Rajeev Madhavan, co-founder and CEO of Magma Design Automation; Benjamin Ball, partner of Francisco Partners; and L.M. Singh, president of TAIB Bank.

Dhana will be moderating a panel called "US-India Startups and Investments: The Success Factors." This panel will discuss how investors and entrepreneurs today are benefiting by leveraging the US-India cross border model without disrupting their business operations and at the same time preserving integrity and reputation. Panelists include Kiran Nadkarni, managing partner of JumpStartUp; Farrokh Billimoria, managing partner of Artiman Ventures; Dhimant Bhayani, managing partner of INC3 Ventures; Rishi Navani, senior associate with WestBridge Capital Partners; and Sriram Viswanathan, director of Strategic Investments with Intel Capital.

The siliconindia Annual Conference & Leadership Awards 2001 will have keynote speakers, panel discussions and an in-depth analysis of today's career landscape on November 16 - 17. This year's conference will present attendees with the tools, strategies, experiences, knowledge, and networking to enable professionals to survive the current economic downturn in the technology industry. Silicon Valley Bank is a Gold Sponsor of the event.

On the annual si100 list developed by siliconindia, 39 of the 100 companies are clients of Silicon Valley Bank. The list consisted of Indian-founded companies, judged by characteristics showing long-term viability, sustained growth, business focus, profitability, and customer, shareholder and employee value, while at the same time displaying the glamour and the innovation that have always accompanied the high-tech sector.

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