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MORGENTHALER NAMES KRISH PRABHU AS VENTURE PARTNER

Former Alcatel COO to Provide Guidance to Early Stage Technology Companies

Menlo Park, CA — November 12, 2001 — Morgenthaler, a leading venture capital and buyout firm, today announced Krish Prabhu as venture partner. As such, the former chief operating officer of Alcatel (NYSE: ALA) will be responsible for identifying, nurturing, and helping guide early-stage technology companies, particularly those in the communications arena.

“I’ve had occasion to interact closely with leading venture capital firms through my various board positions with technology startups,” said Prabhu. “Morgenthaler stands out from the crowd as a trusted thought leader with a record of helping outstanding entrepreneurs build world-class technology companies,” he said. “I’m delighted to be joining the firm, one with which I have a genuine alignment of respect, chemistry, and domain expertise.”

Gary Morgenthaler, a general partner of Morgenthaler said, “With over twenty years of industry experience and leadership roles in some of the world’s most powerful communications brands, Krish brings with him a level of business insight that will benefit our existing and future portfolio companies immeasurably. It’s hard to overstate our excitement at welcoming Krish into our partnership.”

Prabhu, based in Dallas, began his career with Bell Labs in 1980 and joined Alcatel in 1991, serving as chief operating officer from October 1999 to August 2001. Previously, Prabhu was Alcatel USA’s chief executive officer, where he was responsible for growing Alcatel’s US business. He has also held a number of executive and research and development positions at Rockwell International and AT&T Bell Laboratories. He currently sits on Alcatel’s board of directors. Prabhu has a Master of Science degree in Physics from the Indian Institute of Technology, and Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

About Morgenthaler

Morgenthaler recently announced the closing of its seventh fund with total committed capital of \$850 million. The firm expects investments by the Morgenthaler VII Fund to focus on opportunities in communications, software, and health care. Current representative portfolio companies in communications range from those in optical and wireless components such as Agility Communications, Lightwave Microsystems, and Peregrine Semiconductor to those in systems and communications software such as Catena Networks and TimesTen. With the addition of Krish Prabhu today, Morgenthaler now has a total of 10 partners and one entrepreneur in-residence who focus full or part time on communications investment.

Morgenthaler, a leading venture capital and buyout firm, was founded in 1968. The firm focuses on early-stage technology investments as well as middle-market management buyouts. It has funded over 180 companies in its 33-year history, including two of the last decade's highest-performing IPOs: Microchip Technology (1993) and Premisys Communications (1995). With its new fund, the firm will have a total of \$1.8 billion under management. The firm's web address is www.morgenthaler.com.