

## **Kreos Capital's third fund tops EUR 150 million in commitments since January**

### **Leading venture debt provider commits EUR 150 million in seven months**

**London: 26 July 2007:** Kreos Capital (Kreos), Europe's leading provider of venture debt solutions, announced today that it has now committed over EUR 150 million in some 30 transactions from its new fund, Kreos III. The pace of investment illustrates Kreos's execution capability and the general appetite for venture debt in Europe and Israel at all stages of a venture-backed company's life cycle.

Amongst others, new investments from Kreos III include:

- **Apertio** – the industry leader in subscriber-centric, core network software applications with over 300 million subscribers and customers that include Orange, T-Mobile and Vodafone
- **Deep Breeze** – a medical device company that has developed a proprietary patented technology, Vibration Response Imaging, for pulmonary imaging
- **Figleaves** – the world's largest online retailer of branded intimate apparel, including underwear, swimwear and nightwear for men and women from designer labels such as Malizia by La Perla, Elle McPherson, Wonderbra, Wacoal and Gossard
- **Finjan** – a leading provider of Proactive Secure Content Management, focusing on web security solutions for businesses and organisations. Its web security appliances utilise real-time code inspection technology, enabling enterprises to block malicious web attacks on-the-fly, without requiring signatures or patches
- **Heptagon** – a world-leading provider of high-performance replicated micro-optics for mobile phone camera lenses, LED and other applications

Ross Ahlgren, General Partner at Kreos, commented: "There has been significant growth in the venture debt market in Europe and Israel over the past few years. There is also a conscious flight to quality by the top-tier venture capital funds among the debt providers. Our investment record over the past seven months is a clear indication that

Kreos Capital is the preferred partner and we are consciously building even stronger relationships with our venture capital partners going forward.”

Kreos established the European venture debt market in 1998. Today, venture debt has been firmly established as a complementary financing tool for venture capital-backed companies in Europe. Since its launch, Kreos has completed close to 200 transactions in 12 countries across Europe and Israel and, committed a total of more than EUR 450 million. Kreos III formally closed at the end of 2006 and has an equity capital of EUR 200 million (USD 260 million) that can be recycled multiple times.

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### **About Kreos Capital**

Kreos Capital, formerly European Venture Partners (EVP), was formed in 1998 as Europe’s first venture debt provider in order to expand the financing alternatives of the maturing venture capital market. Kreos’ venture debt facilities, are a combination of traditional loans or leases and venture capital and were devised to specifically address the debt needs of innovative early stage companies. Kreos III will continue the tradition of enabling both entrepreneurs and venture capital investors to leverage a company’s initial equity at a time when traditional debt financing is simply not available. This leverage allows the entrepreneurs to stretch their equity through the critical early stages of their life cycle whilst also enabling the venture capitalists to commit less capital at the outset without adversely impacting on the company’s development plans. Kreos provides companies with debt financing and growth capital from inception to pre-IPO – typically in the range of EUR 750,000 to more than EUR 16 million. Focused on the value creation of its portfolio companies, Kreos takes a venture capital view on each financing situation, offering quick decisions, but without requiring Board seats, complex due diligence, share revaluation, substantial equity dilution, deposits or personal guarantees. For more information on Kreos, its services and products, please visit our website [www.kreoscapital.com](http://www.kreoscapital.com)

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