

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Bob Chaworth-Musters
Angel Forum - Vancouver
P: 604-921-4040
F: 604-926-7327
bob@ANGELforum.org
www.ANGELforum.org

First Advanced Investor Ready Workshop on “Due Diligence” in Vancouver for Entrepreneurs and Angel Investors announced by Angel Forum – Vancouver.

Vancouver, BC, January 22, 2008 – On March 10 the Angel Forum of Vancouver will host an all-day advanced Investor Ready workshop for entrepreneurs and investors. The workshop: “Due Diligence and Company Valuation” will be held at Simon Fraser University’s Harbour Centre in downtown Vancouver, BC from 7:30am to 5pm, followed by a networking reception.

Who Should Attend?

- Experienced CEO or CFOs of investor centered companies that are growing quickly and are seriously looking for multiple angel or VC investors.
- Investors and Service Providers are welcome. All attendees must have a basic understanding of venture capital finance having raised equity from at least friends.

This workshop is offered in a "protected environment", without solicitations of any type from entrepreneurs seeking investors.

Why attend? Entrepreneurs raising equity financing or investors, should ask::

- Do I know the key business risks that investors will conduct due diligence on to finalize their funding decision?
- Am I familiar with how angel and VC investors value companies, dilution impact and valuation negotiations?
- Do I want to network with private equity experts and other fellow entrepreneurs during breaks, lunch and wine reception?

Content: Developed by the US Angel Capital Education Foundation with content provided by angel experts, their programs are ranked 4.5 or better out of 5.0. Previous company workshop was over-subscribed and highly rated by the 50+ attendees. No comparable content offered in Canada or Pacific Northwest.

Workshop is divided into two sessions: one will cover Company Valuation and the second session will address Due Diligence (the key business risks that investors will conduct due diligence on to finalize their funding decision). Both sessions will be highly interactive and will include PowerPoint

presentations delivered by experienced local angels, extensive video segments presented by two experienced angel investors (Bill Payne of Vegas Valley Angels and Luis Villalobos of Tech Coast Angels), hands-on exercises, a video panel discussion, and local group discussion.

Workshop Leader and local expert panelists:

- Led by Bill Payne, an active private investor, board member and advisor to entrepreneurs. He is an involved member of San Diego's Tech Coast Angels, Vegas Valley Angels and Aztec Venture Network and has successfully founded or invested in 41 start-up companies.
- Basil Peters, Paul Geyer and Keith Spencer are the Vancouver expert panelists in high growth ventures and early stage investing opportunities.

Some attendee comments from the last Advanced Workshop:

- *Bill Payne has a particular knack of delivering his great knowledge of angel investing; worth the price of admission.*
- *The enthusiasm and knowledge that Bill Payne brings to a meeting like this makes one not want to see the day end.*
- *Very informative and useful - great education tool.*
- *You could learn one thing that saves your thousands of dollars.*
- *Great information; a must have to complete a deal.*

Workshop supporters: PricewaterhouseCoopers, TSX Venture Exchange, National Research Council and Province of BC

Details: Space is limited and the last similar workshop led by Bill Payne was oversubscribed 3 weeks beforehand. Offered to companies on a first come basis before February 29 at \$350 with a \$55 savings if you register before January 31 at \$295. Bring a friend at 10% savings. The registration fee for this full-day, all-inclusive workshop (including workshop manual, coffee and muffins at check-in, mid morning coffee; lunch; mid afternoon refreshments, wine reception and appetizers) is:

To register, visit the Company Workshop page at www.ANGELforum.org

ABOUT ANGEL FORUM - VANCOUVER – Founded in 1997, the Angel Forum - Vancouver semi-annually introduces Western Canadian and US Pacific Northwest emerging companies to private equity investors. As one of the oldest & largest angel groups in Canada with 90+ investors, its primary objective is to facilitate investment in emerging companies. Presenting companies have raised over \$24 million directly through the Forum. Since 1998, Investor Ready workshops for entrepreneurs and now Investor workshops are offered.

- END -