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GFI Solutions back in Canadian hands

Montreal, March 8, 2012 – GFI Solutions, better known in our industry as ProfitMaster Canada, a leading provider of information management solutions to the hardware, home improvement and building supply industry, has repatriated its shareholding in Canada. French IT consultancy GFI Informatique S.A.'s 62.4% stake in Groupe GFI Solutions ("GFI Solutions") has been bought out by members of the GFI Solutions management team in partnership with Investissement Québec, Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, and Fonds de solidarité FTQ. The partners in the acquisition are proud to have brought the company back under Canadian control.

GFI Informatique agreed to part with its Canadian subsidiary in order to focus on its main market in Europe. GFI Solutions specializes in developing, integrating, and providing support for management software as well as providing electronic payment, professional, and technical services for businesses of all sizes in, among others, the hardware and building supplies industry.

"We are very satisfied with how the transaction has worked out," commented Gilles Létourneau, president and CEO of GFI Solutions. "It gives us the leeway we need to actively pursue our strategy of growth through acquisitions. Our new shareholders appreciate and share our management's vision of GFI's future on the Canadian and North American markets. We already enjoyed financial backing from Fonds de solidarité FTQ and today we are very proud to welcome Investissement Québec and Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins to continue our development."

About GFI Solutions

A leader in the Canadian IT industry, GFI Solutions specializes in the design, implementation, integration, and support of business software solutions, in the development of e-business solutions, and in electronic payment, professional, and technical IT services. In business since 1988, GFI Solutions is currently experiencing an active growth phase. Its most recent acquisitions include Tender Retail, activeMedia Développement, Fortsum Business Solutions (now GFI SMB Solutions), and Bell Business Solutions (now GFI Business Solutions). These acquisitions have enabled the company to conquer promising vertical markets and extend its product and service offering to businesses of all sizes, as well as to municipalities and other public service organizations.

About Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, this year celebrating its 10th anniversary, is a publicly traded company managed by Desjardins Venture Capital. With 106,577 shareholders and net assets of \$1,220,400 million, the company contributes to Québec's economic development while driving the growth of cooperatives and the resource regions. Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins directly and indirectly supports close to 300 companies, cooperatives, and funds in various industries spanning all regions in Québec. (capitalregional.com)

About Investissement Québec

Investissement Québec's mission is to foster the growth of investment in Québec, thereby contributing to economic development and job creation in every region. The Corporation offers businesses a full range of financial solutions, including loans, loan guarantees and equity investments, to support them at all stages of their development. It is also responsible for administering tax measures and prospecting for foreign investment.

About Fonds de solidarité FTQ

Fonds de solidarité FTQ helps drive our economy. With net assets of \$8.2 billion as at November 30, 2011, the Fund is a development capital investment fund that channels the savings of Quebecers into investments in all sectors of the economy to help further Québec's economic growth and create and maintain jobs. The Fund is a partner, either directly or through its network members, in 2,129 companies. With its 583,235 owner-shareholders, it has helped, on its own or with other financial partners, to create, maintain, and protect 160,789 jobs. For more information, visit www.fondsftq.com.

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