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**SILVER LAKE WELCOMES HIDETAKA FUKUDA AS A SPECIAL ADVISOR**

**Former Managing Director of METI brings Deep Knowledge of Japanese Technology Industries and Management Teams to Leading Private Investor in Technology**

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**Tokyo, Japan and Menlo Park, CA, October 19, 2008** – Silver Lake, the leading private investor in technology, technology-enabled and related growth industries, announced today that Hidetaka Fukuda has joined Silver Lake as a Special Advisor.

Mr. Fukuda, age 53 and based in Tokyo, has over 25 years of experience with Japan's most important technology companies and Japanese industrial policy. Mr. Fukuda joined the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in 1981 and was responsible for technology and industrial policy for strategic industries including semiconductors, electronics, telecommunication equipment and flat panel displays. In 2006, following his departure from METI and prior to joining Silver Lake, Mr. Fukuda launched e-conservo, a consulting firm.

As a Special Advisor to Silver Lake, Mr. Fukuda will be an important member of Silver Lake's team in Asia who will participate in and provide counsel on a full range of business development, professional networking, investment analysis, and value creation activities.

Ken Hao, Managing Director and Head of Silver Lake's activities in Asia said, "Japan has the world's second largest economy and will continue to be a cornerstone of the global technology landscape. Silver Lake is committed to building long-term value-added partnerships with the leading technology companies in Japan. Fukuda-san possesses a deep knowledge of Japan's technology sectors and insight on how to partner with Japanese management teams. Working closely with Fukuda-san to expand our presence in Japan is very exciting for us."

Mr. Fukuda said "Silver Lake is one of the most important sources of strategic capital in technology and related growth industries. I believe Silver Lake's industry expertise and value creation capabilities can help large-scale Japanese companies generate growth and global leadership in a rapidly changing world. I look forward to helping Silver Lake build a strong and long-term presence in Japan."

During his tenure at METI, Mr. Fukuda focused on strengthening the competitiveness of certain industries and companies strategic to Japan. On behalf of METI, he was instrumental in the creation of Elpida, a joint venture of Hitachi and NEC that has become a global leader in

DRAMs. Mr. Fukuda also played an important role in consolidation activities among the major Japanese companies within the flat panel and networking equipment sectors.

Mr. Fukuda joins Silver Lake's growing team of global advisors which also includes Nikesh Arora, President of Google's Europe, Middle East and Africa Operations; Miles Flint, former President of Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications; George Kadifa, former Vice President of Global Delivery at IBM Global Technology Services; Kurt J. Lauk, former member of the Board of Management of Daimler-Chrysler AG and CFO of Veba AG (today E.on); David Lee, a director of eOn Communications Corporation, Linear Technology Corporation, and the Symbio Group and Juro Nakauchi, former CFO of IBM Japan.

### **About Silver Lake**

Silver Lake is the leader in private investments in technology, technology-enabled, and related growth industries. Silver Lake seeks to invest with the strategic and operating insights of an experienced industry participant. Silver Lake's mission is to function as a value-added partner to the management teams of the world's leading technology franchises. Silver Lake's portfolio includes or has included technology industry leaders such as Ameritrade, Avago, Avaya, AVI-SPL, Business Objects, Flextronics, Gartner, Gerson Lehrman Group, Instinet, Intelsat, IPC Systems, MCI, Mobile Messenger, NASDAQ OMX, NetScout, NXP, Sabre Holdings, Seagate Technology, Serena Software, SunGard Data Systems and UGS. For more information, please visit [www.silverlake.com](http://www.silverlake.com).

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