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TSG Equity Partners Engages ValuTech Solutions For AMR and Utility Industry Support

Stow Massachusetts- January 15, 2006- TSG Equity Partners, a private equity investment firm specializing in middle market and expansion stage companies, announced today that it has retained the services of ValuTech Solutions to support its investment activities in utility automation and energy related markets.

TSG Equity invests in a wide range of business sectors, and its principals have invested over \$250 million in companies involved in business, industrial and consumer markets. Among its holdings is FirstPoint Energy, a provider of energy and data services and automated meter reading (AMR) technology. In addition to providing capital, TSG Equity provides industry and operating expertise supporting the management of its portfolio companies. ValuTech Solutions will serve as an advisor on potential acquisitions and provide industry and technical support in the utility automation area.

“We are pleased to have ValuTech Solutions supporting our team as we pursue investment opportunities in utility and energy related markets”, states John J. Nugent, TSG Equity’s Operations Partner. “ValuTech’s extensive experience with utility automation and AMR will provide a valuable source of industry expertise for future opportunities involving utility related products and services.”

“ValuTech Solutions is looking forward to working with the management and professionals at TSG Equity as they pursue utility industry related investments and support their portfolio companies involved in utility automation systems and technology,” comments Ed Finamore, ValuTech’s President. “As the rapidly evolving utility industry responds to competitive,

regulatory and energy cost pressures, we believe that significant investment opportunities will emerge that will be of interest to TSG's investors."

About TSG Equity

TSG Equity Partners is a private equity investment firm providing growth and acquisition financing to expansion stage and middle-market companies. The firm focuses on companies in the Eastern U.S. with defensible competitive advantages and unique products and services. TSG typically invests in expansion financings, later stage special situations, recapitalizations and leveraged acquisitions. When reviewing an investment, TSG looks to build partnerships with strong, proven management teams whose mission objectives and exit strategies align closely with those of its principals. www.tsgequity.com.

About ValuTech Solutions

ValuTech Solutions provides management consulting services to utilities, energy marketers, system integrators and equipment manufacturers in the energy industry. Specializing in AMR, utility automation, deregulation and energy management applications, ValuTech Solutions helps companies to formulate successful business strategies and locate, acquire or implement technology solutions in the competitive utility energy markets. For more information, call ValuTech Solutions at 412 299-5684, or e-mail: info@valutechsolutions.com.

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