



Highgrowth Partners wins VC Exit of the year for 2007 for NTR

Ferran Lemus, shareholder and co-founder of the catalan management company received the award from the Spanish Venture Capital Association (ASCRI)

Barcelona, 23rd May 2008 – Yesterday night, **Ferran Lemus**, co-founder of **Highgrowth Partners** fund manager of **FonsInnocat**, received the Award for "Best Exit of 2007" for its investee **NTR**.

The 1st edition of **Venture Capital & Private Equity Awards in Spain**, was organized by **ASCRI** (Spanish Venture Capital Association), **Deloitte** and **IESE Business School**. All venture capital companies located in Spain who had realized some disinvestments between 1st January and 31st December 2007 could apply. The jury valued the financial returns on the investment as well its social and economic impact.

Highgrowth Partners is the venture capital management company of **FonsInnocat** whose investors are the Institut Catala de Finances Holding, European Investment Fund, DES Capital Investissement, Mutua de Propietarios and Mutua de Ingenieros. The Fund endowment is 20 million Euros and it targets SMEs located in Catalonia which plan to develop an innovative project in start-up or expansion phase. Since its inception in May 2002 until now, the Fund has invested in 15 firms, having disinvested from 3 of them, with significant IRR.

NTR Global, which specializes in research and development of real time cooperation software and communication tools, was the first investment of **Highgrowth's** fund **FonsInnocat**. **FonsInnocat** assumed the first financing round of the firm by the end of 2002 when it only had 15 employees and an ambitious expansion plan, first in Spain and immediately in Europe and the US. The company closed 2006 with its objective of internationalization fulfilled (with presence in 12

countries and clients in 50) and 2007 with revenues of € 13.5 million and 200 employees.

Highgrowth Partners currently manages **Highgrowth Innovation** fund, which carries on **FonsInnocat**'s work, but with a wider territorial scope.

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Highgrowth Partners, independent financing company founded in 2001 with offices in Barcelona, Madrid and Bilbao, invests, supports and advises innovative potential growth companies, by venture capital investment or financial assessment.

Highgrowth Partners manages FonsInnocat and Highgrowth Innovation Fund, independent and multisectorial venture capital Funds. Some of portfolio companies are Teytel, Archivel Farma, Futurlink, Baolab and Solostocks.

Highgrowth Partners also provides advice on key matters such as the purchase and sale of companies, feasibility studies for investment projects, diagnosis of the most suitable financial infrastructures design and management of financing schemes for investment projects, etc.

About NTR – www.ntr.es

Net Transmit & Receive (NTR Global) offers real time cooperation and communication tools for remote support and remote access. The firm which was created in 2000 by Joan Pons (founder and firm's technology developer) has experienced a high growth which has made it be the European leader in remote support through on-demand solutions. The company, which has also invested in the North-American market by establishing a site in Dallas, has five subsidiaries in the main European countries.