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**Precidia Technologies Inc. and ROI Corporation announce a strategic partnership to launch EtherSockets™, a complete integrated hardware/software solution to connect an unlimited number of incremental serial devices to an AS/400 over an Ethernet network.**

**Ottawa, Canada, May 30, 2000** – Precidia Technologies Inc. and ROI Corporation announced today a strategic partnership to market and distribute EtherSockets™ to the AS/400 community. EtherSockets™ is an effective plug-and-play solution for connecting an unlimited number of incremental serial devices to an AS/400 over an Ethernet network.

This collaboration builds upon the well-established reputations of both ROI Corporation, an AS/400 technology leader and Precidia Technologies, an IP technology leader. In response to the recognized industry requirement for real-time, high performance communication using standard TCP/IP BSD sockets, ROI provides the software for the AS/400, while Precidia provides the hardware to convert serial asynchronous ASCII devices or systems to Ethernet TCP/IP.

Precidia Technologies President Deepak Wanner states, "Precidia's partnership with ROI has resulted in a fully integrated product which is optimized for the AS/400. We are pleased to have the ability to offer this cost-effective network management solution to our customers; ROI's expertise in developing e-transaction middleware has been integral to the success of this new bundled product."

The EtherSockets™ integrated hardware/software solution brings the advantages of simple configurability and connection to any asynchronous device, using any ASCII communication protocol, all without low-level programming. The hardware consists of a family of serial port converters that take up to four RS-232, RS-422 or RS-485 connections on one side, and convert the data stream to TCP/IP out the other.

As ROI President and CEO Charlie Pecchio states, " EtherSockets™ is the product of extensive collaboration between ROI and Precidia. Using Precidia's expertise in IP enabling technology, we were able to create a fully integrated solution for today's AS/400 TCP/IP Ethernet users."

Precidia Technologies, based in Ottawa, Canada, is a leading designer and manufacturer of IP enabling technology for e-commerce in North America. Precidia's advanced IP technology allows POS retailers, system integrators and network providers to seamlessly migrate existing legacy equipment onto a more sophisticated IP capable system. For more information, visit Precidia on the Web at <http://www.precidia.com>

ROI Corporation of Woodstock, Georgia, United States, markets e-transaction middleware<sup>SM</sup> for program-to-program and system-to-system communications and connectivity that enables the processing of electronic transactions. ROI customers range from small Internet marketers and retailers to companies like Alltel, Brunswick, 800.com, IBM, Skytel, and Seiko. For more information, visit ROI on the web at <http://www.roicorporation.com>

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