

**For Immediate Release**

**Third Security Opens New Office in San Francisco**

RADFORD, VA (December 18, 2006) – Third Security, LLC, a private equity firm focusing on emerging through late-stage opportunities in life-sciences and information technology, announced today opening of its new office in San Francisco.

The new office is opening following a period of strong success for Third Security and its portfolio companies. The location near California's Silicon Valley will provide proximity to impressive new technology opportunities.

RJ Kirk, Senior Managing Director of Third Security, commented, "We are excited to establish a new office for Third Security on the West Coast. A presence in the Bay Area will provide many opportunities for us to build on our recent successes."

Third Security's new office is located at 735 Market Street, 3rd Floor, SFO, CA 94103 and can be reached by telephone through the Virginia office switchboard at 540-633-7900 and by fax at 540-633-7979.

Third Security, LLC is an independent private investment and advisory firm formed in 1999 to manage investments in public and private companies. The firm leverages its people, expertise and capital to guide investments and companies to higher levels of performance. More information is available at [www.thirdsecurity.com](http://www.thirdsecurity.com).

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