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# **Sirius Group expands into Japan**

**SINGAPORE – 14 July 2008** – Boutique venture capital and finance advisory firm **Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd** (together with its associated companies, known as “Sirius Group”) has expanded its presence outside of Singapore with the setting up of a new subsidiary – **Sirius Japan Co., Ltd.**

Sirius Japan will provide strategic business consultancy to Sirius Group’s investee companies which are looking to enter the Japanese market; as well as to Japanese companies that are planning to launch their products/services into other Asian countries like Singapore and China. On top of this, Sirius Japan will also explore opportunities to invest in Japanese small- and medium-sized companies.

Sirius Japan is headed by founding member and Managing Director, **Mr Shigeru Fukunaga**. Mr Fukunaga was previously a Director of The Carlyle Group, based in Tokyo and focused on venture and growth capital investment opportunities in Japan. Before joining Carlyle, he was a Principal at Crimson Ventures and was one of the founding members of Crimson Tokyo. Prior to that, Mr Fukunaga was an Investment Manager in Nikko Capital, with postings in the U.S. and Singapore. During his stint at Nikko Capital, he was responsible for overseas investments and strategic alliances with U.S. venture capital firms, as well as assessing U.S. technology trends and investment opportunities.

### **About Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd**

Sirius Venture Consulting Pte Ltd (together with its associated companies, known as “Sirius Group”) is a boutique venture capital and finance advisory firm, focused on small and medium-sized companies in Singapore and overseas. The Sirius Group has invested in a number of Singapore-based listed and non-listed firms, as well as overseas enterprises.

The Group manages two funds. The ***Sirius SME Growth Partners I Fund*** is a S\$30 million investment fund targeting Singapore-based small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”) at the growth and expansion stage. In addition, the Group has a S\$20 million ***Sirius Angel Fund***, in collaboration with SPRING Singapore under the latter's Business Angels Scheme, that invests in high-growth, innovative and early-stage companies.

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