

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Venture Technologies, Inc. Announces Acquisition of WhiteLight Group, LLC.**

**RIDGELAND, Miss., June 2, 2016** – Venture Technologies, headquartered in Ridgeland, Miss., announced today that they have acquired WhiteLight Group, LLC., with offices in both Chicago, Ill. and Milwaukee, Wis.

Venture Technologies is a premier IT Solutions Provider delivering best-in-class Premise Infrastructure Solutions, Collaboration Solutions and Cloud Services to private and public organizations throughout the United States and abroad. WhiteLight Group, LLC. is a leading provider of enterprise business applications services and software solutions focused on business technology strategy, Oracle (JD Edwards) premise and ERP Cloud applications, business intelligence, mobility and Industrial Internet. The combination of these two companies will extend Venture's geographic footprint and increase total staff count to 251 employees.

This acquisition extends the ability of both Venture Technologies and WhiteLight Group to provide customers complete and flexible enterprise technology solutions in an increasingly demanding business environment. As application solutions have become more intricately built to satisfy unique needs, the implementation of that software on trusted and secure platforms becomes vital to the overall success of the solution.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and associated software continues to be the backbone on which companies rely for managing their business and interconnecting with customers and trading partners. In the post-modern ERP world, applications strategy must consider multiple options for infrastructure and deployments, with premise, managed services, hosting and cloud.

Combined, the two companies provide best-in-class business applications on premier infrastructure, offering an even broader set of solutions to customers, including architecture planning, design and implementation, hosting and managed services (infrastructure and applications), business process optimization, ERP implementation, upgrades, Internet of Things, mobile applications and business intelligence. Working with best-in-class applications such as Oracle JD Edwards and other partner products, WhiteLight Group can now provide greater innovation, flexibility and a superior operational experience.

For Venture Technologies, this acquisition represents a broader consolidation strategy. "There are numerous quality IT infrastructure and cloud providers operating across the nation, and by diversifying our national platform to include high-end business applications, we are able to expand our capabilities and serve an ever-growing market. WhiteLight Group has built tremendous brand recognition in the Oracle JD Edwards community. We plan to leverage that by positioning them in the lead role of managing this new and growing business applications segment of Venture." said Gerard Gibert, CEO of Venture Technologies.

Paul Demes, Partner, WhiteLight Group stated, "In Venture Technologies, we have found an incredible partner who shares in our vision for providing flexibility in premise, cloud and hybrid cloud offerings for our portfolio of solutions and services. We've been looking for the right partner to broaden our solutions, and extend our industry and geographical reach. Venture Technologies is a great fit and shares our same business values. Providing our customers with all the tools needed to automate and integrate their business, allows them to focus on their business and make better decisions. We're very excited about building and delivering even more innovative, agile and high-performance solutions for our customers."

The merger and continued consolidation strategy is supported by FlatWorld Capital, a New York-based private equity group that specializes in funding and advising middle-market companies. Jeff Valenty, managing partner for FlatWorld Capital, commented on the merger, “WhiteLight Group presents a compelling new application solutions platform for Venture Technologies' ongoing acquisition strategy. Our team is excited to expand our partnership with the combined Venture and WhiteLight teams to address the incredible opportunities for continued growth in the IT solutions and cloud services industry.” Venture Technologies is also supported by senior debt financing from Wells Fargo Commercial Distribution Finance and White Oak Global Advisors and mezzanine debt financing from Spring Capital Partners, Bay Capital Investment Partners and Harbert Mezzanine Partners.

#### About Venture Technologies

Venture Technologies is an IT Solutions Provider that delivers Premise Infrastructure Solutions, Collaboration Solutions and Cloud Services to both private and public sector organizations. Founded in 1986, the company operates locations in Alabama, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Wyoming. Venture also owns and operates certified Data Centers (VTCloud®) in Jackson, Mississippi, Englewood, Colorado, and Casper, Wyoming from which it produces a comprehensive suite of cloud services to thousands of domestic and international customers. Visit [www.ventech.com](http://www.ventech.com) for more information.

#### About WhiteLight Group

Since 2002, WhiteLight Group has been a leading business applications firm providing strategy, enterprise architecture, ERP implementation and managed services. They help organizations simplify, standardize, and optimize their ERP business processes in the areas of finance, procurement, manufacturing, capital asset management and supply chain. Their core business model revolves around enterprise architecture, core ERP, cloud and Internet of Things connectivity. For more information, visit [www.whitelightgrp.com](http://www.whitelightgrp.com).

#### About FlatWorld Capital

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