

AISoftw@re amends earlier offer; proposes all-cash offer for 100% GlobalnetFinancial.com .

Italian company amends earlier proposal and is prepared to offer 45 cents a share, in cash, for GlobalNet, a 25% premium above current tender offer by UK-based New Media SPARK Plc.

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AISoftware SpA (AISW), listed on NASDAQ Europe and Italian Nuovo Mercato, has submitted to the board of directors of NASDAQ and AIM-quoted internet company GlobalNet Financial.com (NASDAQ ticker GLBN) a proposal of an amendment to its earlier merger offer. Under the terms of AISoftware's amended proposal, GlobalNet shareholders would receive 0.45 dollars in cash for each GlobalNet common share and 0.045 dollars in cash for each GlobalNet Class A common share. The amended offer is not subject to any financing condition. AISoftware's amended offer represents a 25% premium above the cash price offered by New Media SPARK plc (LSE NMS) in a tender offer which expires on Wednesday August 22, 2001.

The amended proposal comes in response to the decision last evening by the board of GlobalNet Financial to reject AISoftware's earlier offer to acquire GlobalNet in a share exchange that valued each common share at 0.60 dollars and each Class A common share at 0.06 dollars.

As part of its revised offer, AISoftw@re is prepared to provide 2 million dollars in interim financing to GlobalNet Financial so that GlobalNet Financial can satisfy its obligations during the time it will take to complete the proposed cash-tender offer.

### **AISoftw@re**

AISoftw@re SpA - founded in 1983 and with a consolidated value group sales in 2000 of 23,727,743 Euros - is a company specialised in the development of decision-supporting knowledge processing and data intelligence technologically innovative Internet and Intranet solutions. Its technical expertise in proprietary products distributed on reference markets positions AISoftw@re as a leading company in medical imaging, advanced software systems and financial market software solutions. AISoftw@re has been listed on Nasdaq Europe since November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1999 and on Nuovo Mercato since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2000, and has started a programme of growth based both on international expansion and aggressive recruitment, acquisitions and equity investments in software companies working in the area of Internet applications development.

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