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**NAJAFI COMPANIES COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF NETWORK SOLUTIONS**

**World's Largest Domain Name Registrar**

**Phoenix, Arizona** (Dec. 1, 2003) -- Najafi Companies, an investor of under-valued companies in long-term growth sectors, has completed the acquisition of Network Solutions, the world's largest domain name registrar and a leading Internet services company with more than 8 million domain names under management.

Najafi Companies announced a definitive agreement to acquire Network Solutions from Mountain View, Calif.-based VeriSign Inc. for \$100 million on Oct. 16, 2003, and completed the transaction in less than six weeks on Nov. 25, 2003.

Based in Herndon, Virginia, Network Solutions provides domain name registration, e-mail services, Web-site hosting and creation tools, and other value-added services.

"We are just beginning to comprehend the revolutionary new uses for the Internet that will demand new services," said Jahm Najafi, chief executive officer of Najafi Companies.

"With its millions of business and individual customers, infrastructure and key technologies, Network Solutions is in a key position to be an innovator, creating new applications that will respond to this new wave of demand."

**About Najafi Companies**

Najafi Companies is a private equity firm that acquires controlling ownership of under-valued companies, in partnership with superior management teams, to achieve long-term appreciation and high returns for investors and the company. Najafi Companies is

attracted to viable businesses in need of capital, shareholder liquidity, recapitalization or divestiture by a parent. The firm's focus is on leading-edge, entrepreneurial companies in the telecommunications, Internet services, energy, manufacturing, consumer products and leisure industries.

Najafi Companies recently agreed to acquire the assets of PCL and its subsidiaries for \$63 million. PCL, a former subsidiary of Global Crossing, operates the PC-1-fiber optic telecommunications network linking the U.S. with Asia.

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