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### **Big Bang Ventures Announces Investment in Qlayer. First Investment of Second Fund.**

***Lochristi, Belgium – May 30, 2006*** - Belgium-based ICT venture capital fund **Big Bang Ventures** announces that it has taken the lead in **Qlayer's** first round of financing.

Big Bang Ventures was the lead investor in a EUR 1.3 million first round for Qlayer, a provider of virtualization management software for commercial data centers. This deal represents the first investment of Big Bang Ventures' second fund, which recently held its first close.

Qlayer provides a software only solution that uniquely combines both server, networking and storage virtualization management on commodity hardware for commercial data centers.

Qlayer plans to use the proceeds of this round to expand the product development organization; ramp up product marketing and prepare the company for a larger round in 2007.

As a result of this investment, Frank Maene of Big Bang Ventures will join Kristof De Spiegeleer, CEO, and Niko Nelissen, VP Product Marketing, on the board of directors, with one open seat which has not been assigned at this time.

Kristof De Spiegeleer, CEO Qlayer: "Big Bang Ventures was the first investor in my previous companies, Dedigate and DataCenterTechnologies (DCT). They were very supportive and provided a lot of hands-on assistance, when and if needed. Big Bang Ventures were the obvious choice for me at this stage of the company."

Frank Maene, Managing Partner Big Bang Ventures: "We are very pleased to be working with a true "serial entrepreneur" and we look forward to making Qlayer at least as big a success for all stakeholders as Kristof's previous companies."



### About Qlayer

Qlayer provides a software only solution that uniquely combines both server, networking and storage virtualization management on commodity hardware for commercial data centers. The company was founded in 2005 by datacenter veterans, including Kristof De Spiegeleer. Mr De Spiegeleer was the founder of DCT, which was acquired by Veritas in 2005, and of Dedigate, which was acquired by Terremark in 2005.

Qlayer is based in Lochristi, Belgium, and signed its first commercial contracts with Miami-based Hoodiny Entertainment Group and Belgium's largest independent company in hosting, Hostbasket.

[www.qlayer.com](http://www.qlayer.com)

### About Big Bang Ventures

Big Bang Ventures invests in early-stage companies in information, semiconductor and communication technology in the larger Benelux region. Big Bang Ventures held its first closing of its second fund in March, 2006. The first fund's investments included DataCenterTechnologies, sold to Veritas/Symantec in April 2005; Dedigate, acquired by Miami-based Terremark and Clear2Pay, a leading payments technology company. The team operates from offices in Lochristi, Belgium.

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