



Big Bang Ventures Announces Exit of Q-layer

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Big Bang Ventures is pleased to announce today that Sun Microsystems, Inc. (Nasdaq: JAVA) has acquired one of its portfolio companies, Q-layer. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Q-layer, which started in Lochristi, Belgium, provides software for data centers that enables true cloud computing. The acquisition adds unique technologies to Sun's Cloud Computing portfolio and will serve as a key differentiator in the market.

Q-layer was the first investment from Big Bang Ventures' (BBV) second fund. BBV was the lead investor in Q-layer's EUR 1.3 million seed round in 2006. BBV also led the fundraising process that resulted in a EUR 7 million round in 2007 with additional investments from Wellington Partners and Partech International.

With the economy in an unprecedented recession and financial crisis, the fund is excited to report a substantial return in less than three years after its initial investment. "This proves that the venture capital model for European ICT companies is still alive and kicking", rejoices Frank Maene, Managing Partner of Big Bang Ventures.

About Q-layer

Q-layer is the leading enabler of cloud computing software for enterprises and service providers. With the Q-layer software, datacenter managers can drastically increase the efficiency of their datacenter and give their users the agility they need to obtain their business goals. Q-layer was founded in 2005 and is the first company to introduce full datacenter virtualization by integrating server, network and storage virtualization.

About Big Bang Ventures

Big Bang Ventures focuses on seed and early-stage venture capital funding for high-growth ICT companies. In addition to funding, Big Bang Ventures leverages its extensive operational experience and worldwide network to actively help start-ups accelerate their growth. Formed in 2000, Big Bang Ventures has over EUR 40/\$55 million under management, with investments ranging from EUR 0.5 to 3 million in the ICT sectors of enterprise software, digital media, mobile applications, infrastructure software, and storage.

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