



## **ICERA ADDS A FURTHER \$40M IN FUNDING**

**Bristol, UK, March 15, 2006.** Icera Inc., the wireless soft modem company, today announced that it has secured a further \$40M in venture capital in a Series C funding round. Amadeus Capital Partners led this round, joined by Icera's existing investors, Accel Partners, Atlas Venture and Benchmark Capital.

Icera has now raised a total of \$82.5M in venture funding since it was founded in 2002, placing it among the best funded early stage technology companies in Europe.

Dr Hermann Hauser, General Partner of Amadeus Capital Partners, who joins the Icera Board, said: "We have tracked Icera for some time and we believe Icera's wireless soft modem platform will become established as a leader in the core of mobile phones' designs because of the quality of the team and its technology. We look forward to working with the Icera team to accelerate this."

Stan Boland, President and CEO of Icera said: "Amadeus is an extremely experienced semiconductor venture investor, as witnessed by their investments in companies such as CSR. We are delighted to welcome Amadeus as a major new investor in Icera and look forward to working with the firm as we build our business. Overall, the quality of our backers is an added endorsement of our world-class team, category-defining technology and strong market momentum."

In November 2005, Icera announced that its first products and platforms are targeting the delivery of the world's highest performance, multimode HSDPA Cellular Broadband solution and will be upgradeable through software to support emerging standards and features. The new funding will be used to continue the rapid expansion of engineering, sales, customer support and operations teams internationally to support existing and future customer engagements and partnerships.

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### **About Icera**

Icera delivers wireless soft modems with the highest performance HSDPA to mobile phone and datacard OEMs through a range of platform solutions. Founded in 2002, Icera is headquartered in the UK, with design locations in the UK and France, sales offices in Europe and Japan and representative support in Korea. For more information, visit the Icera website at [www.icerasemi.com](http://www.icerasemi.com).

### **About Accel Partners**

Accel Partners manages over \$4 billion globally in venture capital funds. Accel portfolio companies have completed IPOs that have created well over \$150 billion in market capitalization and its portfolio of successful investments include *Actuate*, *Agile Software*, *Foundry Networks*, *Macromedia*, *Portal*, *Polycom*, *UUnet*, *AMCC*, *RealNetworks*, and *Veritas*. For more information about Accel Partners visit its website at [www.accel.com](http://www.accel.com).

### **About Amadeus**

Amadeus is one of Europe's leading technology investors. Since its inception in 1997, the firm has backed over 50 companies covering computer hardware and software, mobile and fixed communications technologies and medical technologies. Investments include *Cambridge Silicon Radio*, producing single chip bluetooth radios for short range connections and floated on the London Stock Exchange in 2004, *Optos*, a manufacturer of laser retinal scanners which recently has a successful IPO on the London Stock Exchange, *Cambridge Broadband*, developing technologies for wireless broadband networks in countries with poor infrastructure and *Valista*, an electronic payments company. For more information about Amadeus, visit its website at [www.amadeuscapital.com](http://www.amadeuscapital.com).

### **About Atlas Venture**

Atlas Venture manages \$2.1 billion across six early-stage venture capital funds investing in information technology, communications and life sciences companies in the US and Europe. Atlas has invested in more than 300 companies worldwide since its inception in 1980. For more information about Atlas Venture, visit its website at [www.atlasventure.com](http://www.atlasventure.com).

### **About Benchmark Capital**

Benchmark Capital manages more than \$2.5 billion globally in committed venture capital and in Europe manages some of the largest early-stage high tech investment funds, totalling \$850M. Benchmark's portfolio includes franchise companies such as *Ariba* (Nasdaq:ARBA), *Betfair*, *eBay* (Nasdaq: EBAY), *Juniper Networks* (Nasdaq: JNPR), *MySQL* and *Red Hat* (Nasdaq: RHAT). For more information on Benchmark Capital, visit its website at [www.benchmark.com](http://www.benchmark.com).

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