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**2GoTrade.com Announces Industry Most Comprehensive AMS/3 ready e-Brokerage STP<sup>(1)</sup> Vertical Solution , Go.Exchange**

*Featuring **Real-Time MRM** (Margin Risk Management), **Real-Time FRR** (Financial Resource Report), plus many other next generation capabilities*

(December 12, 2000----Hong Kong) 2GoTrade.com Limited (“2GoTrade”), a leading mission critical technology developer & Vertical Service Provider (VSP) for financial institutions and brokers in the e-trading enabler market, today announces Industry most comprehensive e-Brokerage STP (Straight-Through-Processing) Vertical Solution Go.Exchange.

Go.Exchange revolutionary solution is expected to empower brokers & their customers with “Best of Breed” technology that offers world-class user experience in a new industry that is differentiated by technology, scalability, reliability & real-time performance. Furthermore, Go.Exchange real-time MRM & FRR dramatically reduces broker’s effort in meeting SFC’s<sup>(2)</sup> stringent regulatory margin reporting requirement, as well as optimizing the liquidity & profitability of their balance sheet.

In order to protect general investors, the Legislative Council this year passed the revised FRR under the Securities Ordinance 2000 to monitor the risk of brokerage houses. Under the FRR enactment dated June 12, 2000, all brokers are required to render such monthly report starting today, Dec 13, 2000. Those failing to comply may be subject to criminal charges as per each violation.

John Chan, CEO of 2GoTrade said, “These reports typically take weeks to prepare & are forcing many brokers to give up on margin financing all together. Based on their prevailing practice, the manually prepared report is seriously outdated way before it’s done. With Go.Exchange, brokers now can review liquidity and margin risk for their own good & produce such reports in real-time, anytime, all the time.”

Another very important attribute of Go.Exchange is its STP capability on margin trading. Mr. Chan explained, “Our design philosophy on e-trading is simple, we call it ‘The Ultimate User Empowerment’ - all credit control, market & portfolio data are dealt with & made available to our users in real-time, with minimum delay, and just-in-time right before any trade is entered. As a result, our successful trade matching rate & overall system throughput are expected to be much higher than other competitive systems, which focus primarily on the mechanics of order entry & routing. To traders, every tenth of a second counts...speed & reliability is the ultimate unfair advantage they seek to have, which we intend to deliver via Go.Exchange”

Sam Yip, Managing Director of ePRO (“ePRO”, SEHK: 8086) and a joint venture partner of 2GoTrade added, ‘Securities firms trading through Hong Kong AMS/3 gateways will need a robust, scalable & all-inclusive solution in order to compete in this market. The Global Class A, Regional Class B & the emerging global e-trading giants will need an industrial strength, locally compliant backend with disaster recovery option to support their international clientele, while the local brokers will need a simple and affordable solution ready to meet the challenges of STP. The stake is high, and we believe without the support of a sustainable & maintainable solution such as Go.Exchange on their side, their chance of survival in the long run is questionable.’

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(1) STP – Straight Through Processing

(2) SFC – Securities & Financial Commission of Hong Kong

John Chan also added, “With Go.Exchange.VS(Vertical Service), brokers large or small can take full advantage of all Go.Exchange capabilities on a rental basis, quickly & easily. Brokers can practically transform their entire operation into a world class e-brokerage house in weeks. For banks and global securities firms, our Go.Exchange in-sourcing model with disaster recovery option is a good match to their enterprise IT needs.”

“In US and Korea, over 40% of securities trading are already online & we anticipate similar adoption rate for Hong Kong. Coupled with the cancellation of brokers’ minimum commission by April 2002 in an ever-increasing competitive environment, adopting a reliable, scalable and high performance e-brokerage solution is no longer an option but a “Must-Have” for any broker intended to remain in business then. We foresee explosive demand for our solution and service in the coming months once brokers realize Go.Exchange tremendous power & benefits.”

Go.Exchange solution and service are available for immediate delivery. For more information, please call 2GoTrade sales offices at (852) 2232-0220.

### **2GoTrade.com Limited**

2GoTrade.com Limited is a leading technology developer and VSP (Vertical Service Provider) for financial institutions and brokers that are capitalizing on the SEHK’s AMS/3 electronic trading environment. By combining the power & reach of the Internet & the security of a private e-brokerage WAN network, Go.Exchange delivers all vital data, features, functions, tools & applications for e-trading & e-brokerage to our brokers & their customers, in real time, all the time. Our proprietary solution incorporates "best of breed" business processes, mission critical software, systems, network and support infrastructure in one tightly integrated & sustainable platform. From streaming market data, web trading front-end, front office & help desk, margin risk control...to real time settlement and compliancy reporting (i.e. FRR), Go.Exchange seeks to provide the best value proposition to the entire e-brokerage value chain, and with the highest quality of service. 2GoTrade.com is a joint venture between ePRO Limited (SEHK: 8086) and an overseas private technology fund.

### **ePRO Limited**

Established in Hong Kong since 1985, ePRO develops software solutions and conducts large-scale systems integration projects for several vertical market sectors. As a leading provider of information technology solutions in Asia, ePRO has a subsidiary group of companies including software centers and joint ventures in China, and a branch in Singapore. Over the past few years, ePRO has been investing in e-commerce and Internet-related application developments like e-logistics, e-billing and customer care software for the telecommunications sector and Internet-based securities and options trading. Their clients include The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, banks and securities. For details, please visit <http://www.epro.com.hk>

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