

ERTH Corporation continues aggressive growth plan with strategic acquisition of SPi Group Inc.

London, ON, March 12, 2009 --- Jeff Pettit, President and CEO of ERTH Corporation announced today that it has signed an agreement to acquire The SPi Group Inc., a Toronto-based provider of services and solutions to the utility and energy industry. The transaction is scheduled to close on April 30, 2009. ERTH Corporation is an integrated energy company with a strategic vision to grow and invest in companies that provide a wide range of services to energy and related industries.

"We are very excited about this new strategic investment in The SPi Group Inc. as they are well recognized as a market leader in providing secure, reliable and auditable data transport, billing and settlement solutions." said Jeff Pettit.

Ven Seshadri, President and CEO of The SPi Group Inc. said, "The acquisition by ERTH Corporation is an excellent strategic fit with SPi's business objectives. Through ERTH Corporation we will now be able to offer a complete meter-to-cash solution, expand our services into multiple jurisdictions, and take advantage of the newly emerging opportunities in the energy and utilities sectors."

Over the past year, SPi has been actively investing in new products and services and seeking partners as part of its overall strategy to expand the business.

Anthony Haines, Chairman of The SPi Group Inc. said of the acquisition "The sale of our shares will allow SPi to undertake the necessary strategic growth to continue to expand its services."

ERTH Corporation is a dynamic family of energy companies with a strategic vision to grow and invest in parallel businesses that all serve North America's energy and utility industries. The group's electricity distribution, services, consulting and software companies, service over 180,000 customers in Canada and the United States.

Until September 18, 2008, ERTH Corporation was known as Erie Thames Power Corporation.

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