

## **Acquisition of VentureLink Labour-Sponsored Funds Completed**

TORONTO (January 4, 2006) – VentureLink LP today announced that it has completed the acquisition of the VentureLink Group of Labour-Sponsored Investment Funds from Skylon Advisors Inc. VentureLink LP is a new partnership controlled by the funds' management team of Geoff Horton, John Varghese and Jim Whitaker.

Under the terms of a sale agreement reached in October 2005, VentureLink LP now owns the management contracts for the six VentureLink Funds and related Community Small Business Investment Funds. CI Financial Inc., Skylon's parent company, will continue to provide administrative and other services to the funds, which had \$198 million in assets as of December 31, 2005.

"This will be a seamless transition for investors," said Mr. Varghese, Managing Partner of VentureLink LP. "Our funds remain well positioned and our proven strategy of focusing on debt-oriented investments will continue."

"The VentureLink funds are in good hands with a prudent, experienced and motivated management team," said David R. McBain, Skylon President and Chief Executive Officer.

VentureLink funds give investors access to well-diversified portfolios of established companies operating in traditional industries such as financial, manufacturing and service industries as well as dynamic industries like biotechnology and alternative energy. VentureLink Diversified Income Fund and VentureLink Financial Services Innovation Fund have provided clients with a steady return on their investments, placing the funds among the top performers in their asset class over the past three years.

The VentureLink Group of Funds represents a unique opportunity for Canadian investors to combine the tax-advantaged benefits of labour-sponsored investment fund with the diversity of an entire family of funds. VentureLink focuses on capital preservation and long-term growth potential by making debt and debt-related investments in established small and medium-size companies in Ontario. More information about the VentureLink Group of Funds can be found at [www.venturelinkfunds.com](http://www.venturelinkfunds.com).

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