

## **SharesPost Becomes Registered Broker-Dealer and Alternative Trading System**

*SEC ATS Registration Broadens SharesPost's Ability to Provide Services to Companies and Investors*

SAN BRUNO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--[SharesPost](#), the market for today's fastest growing companies, today announced its acquisition of SharesPost Financial Corporation ("SPFC"), a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA and SIPC, and SPFC's registration with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an Alternative Trading System. SPFC is now a wholly owned subsidiary of SharesPost, Inc. and will be based in Silicon Valley. The broker-dealer will provide a broad range of private placement, corporate finance and investment banking advisory services.

Greg Brogger, founder and president of SharesPost, commented: "With the launch of the ATS and acquisition of our broker dealer, SharesPost is better able to directly facilitate transactions in private company shares, expanding the range of services we provide to our clients. This also represents an important step in the evolution of the private capital markets."

In a related development, SharesPost also announced that it reached a final settlement with the SEC in regards to an administrative inquiry concerning the applicability of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act (i.e., broker dealer registration requirements) to SharesPost's support of its members' securities transactions prior to its acquisition of SPFC.

With a total secondary sales volume of \$180 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 – not including primary capital raised for client companies - SharesPost has clearly emerged as the most robust private company marketplace both by number of transactions and dollar volume. SharesPost has become the central hub of private company data, research and company-controlled liquidity. The integration of SharesPost Financial Corporation into the SharesPost platform is expected to only further enhance SharesPost's service offering to its private company clients, the fastest growing private companies.

### **About SharesPost**

SharesPost is the market for today's fastest growing companies, their shareholders and qualified investors. SharesPost's innovative technology platform enables private companies to raise primary capital and customize liquidity programs online; provides investors access to unique investment opportunities and offers shareholders company approved liquidity. With a listing of over 150 companies, the largest online investor network, and the broadest offering of independent, third-party research, SharesPost brings greater transparency, efficiency, flexibility, and control to the process of raising capital, buying or selling shares in the private capital market. Founded in 2009, SharesPost's management team includes experienced executives from the financial services, banking, legal, technology and security sectors, with concentrated expertise in working with emerging industry leaders. For more information, please visit [www.sharespost.com](http://www.sharespost.com).

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