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**JD FORD & COMPANY ADVISES PARAGON SOLUTIONS
GROUP, INC. IN ITS SALE TO FORSYTHE SOLUTIONS
GROUP, INC.**

Denver, Colorado, August 3, 2009 – JD Ford & Company is pleased to have served as the exclusive financial advisor to Paragon Solutions Group, Inc., in its sale to Forsythe Solutions Group, Inc. Paragon, an Inc. 500 company and one of the fastest growing IT Services companies in the U.S., specialized in IBM server and storage solutions. The 6 year old company was founded by Haydn Hirstine, to bring his innovative sales and service model to a highly competitive sector.

With 2008 revenues of \$52 million and more than 20 employees, Paragon Solutions Group has grown rapidly since its founding. This past April, IBM awarded Paragon the prestigious 2008 Beacon Award for Outstanding IBM Power Systems Solutions. In 2007, Paragon was recognized on Inc. Magazine's list of Fastest Growing Private Companies, ranked number 288 of 500. In addition to IBM, Paragon is a partner to and integrator for Network Appliance, VMware and CirBA.

Forsythe Solutions Group, Inc., is a leading IT infrastructure integrator. They intend to leverage Paragon's innovative model across its broader footprint in the US. This acquisition enhances Forsythe's ability to provide IBM server and storage products and services.

Founder and CEO of JD Ford & Company, Joseph Durnford, had the following to say about the transaction: "even in this difficult economic environment, it was a great pleasure working on the behalf of Haydn Hirstine and the shareholders of Paragon Solutions Group. We are always honored to represent winning companies like Paragon and have the opportunity work on behalf of successful entrepreneurs to help them transition from business ownership and management to ownership of wealth and management of lifestyle."

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