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## **GEORGESON SHAREHOLDER MOVES TO FULL OWNERSHIP OF PROXITALIA GROUP**

**New York, April 5, 2005**– Georgeson Shareholder Communications, Inc. today announced the acquisition of the remaining 54% that it did not own of GSC Proxitalia, an entity that was originally established in 1999 as a joint venture of Georgeson Shareholder with partners Stefano Marini and Alvise Recchi. Georgeson Shareholder is part of the Computershare Ltd. (ASX: CPU) family of companies. Mr. Marini and Mr. Recchi will continue in leadership positions with the organization, joining the senior management team of Computershare’s stakeholder relationship management group.

This move to full ownership of the Proxitalia group establishes Computershare’s presence in Southern Europe and Latin America, and continues to demonstrate Georgeson Shareholder’s commitment to growth of its stakeholder relationship management solutions through global expansion of its international proxy services. Georgeson Shareholder and the Proxitalia group are already collaborating on key projects, including provision of global information agent services for one of the world’s largest bond restructuring transactions—the restructuring of the Sovereign debt of the Republic of Argentina.

“This deal paves the way for Georgeson Shareholder and Computershare to offer our full range of proxy solicitation and other investor relations solutions in continental Europe and Latin America,” said Oliver Niedermaier, head of Computershare’s stakeholder relationship management group. “We also look forward to continual expansion of our seamless services for international cross-border transactions, such as our current work for the Republic of Argentina and numerous cross-border M&A transactions.”

As the first full-service shareholder communications and proxy service firm in Italy, Spain and Latin America, the Proxitalia group has acted as financial communications advisor for more than 350 financial transactions in those markets. In addition, Proxitalia’s research and development group has collaborated with major Italian research institutions in undertaking and publishing studies of the Italian market.

GSC Proxitalia established GSC Proxiberica in 2003 and Proxylatina in 2004, and the group now employs 70 people in four offices in three countries: Rome and Milan in Italy; Madrid in Spain; and Buenos Aires in Argentina.

“Computershare is actively expanding our investor relationship management services as part of our goal to be the full-service provider for issuers worldwide,” said Chris Morris, CEO of Computershare Limited. “The acquisition of the remainder of the Proxitalia group is an important step in achieving this strategic vision and also further drives our geographic expansion in continental Europe.”

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### About Georgeson Shareholder

Founded in 1935, Georgeson Shareholder is the world's oldest and most highly regarded proxy solicitation and securityholder communications firm. Georgeson Shareholder provides expert services to more than 3,500 corporations and mutual funds worldwide, including proxy solicitation, tender and exchange offers, stock option plan and M&A advisory services, IRtrack™ investor intelligence and surveillance, corporate governance, PostMerger CleanUp<sup>SM</sup> unexchanged holder services, small shareholder oddlot programs, employee plan services, information agent, broker/dealer services, reorganization services, financial printing/mailling and shareholder relations/call center solutions. Georgeson Shareholder has been a member of the Computershare group of companies since 2003. For more information, visit the Georgeson Shareholder Web site at [www.georgesonshareholder.com](http://www.georgesonshareholder.com)

### About Computershare

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