

Keystone Software Corp Announces General Availability of the ValuBond Interface Component

The ValuBond interface joins suite of **Pivot 2** interfaces available for STP access to various selected service and information providers

Liberty Corner, New Jersey, January 9th 2006 – Keystone Software Corp., developer of the **Pivot 2** mid-office system is pleased to announce the availability of the ValuBond interface for STP access to the ValuBond ECN.

The new interface component provides a FIX protocol interface to the ValuBond ECN for the Straight-Through Processing of offers, open and filled orders. This interface enables use of real time benchmark pricing of offers, and rules directed routing to and from multiple Order Management and/or Trading Systems via high speed, high capacity queues. The **Pivot 2** suite contains various Graphical User Interfaces to manage, by exception, large portfolios of fixed income trader/account positions. The rules engines incorporated into the **Pivot 2** product enable complete control over trades and orders including automatic determination of back office, settlement options, offsetting accounts, confirmation trailers and disclosures, etc.

The ValuBond interface component joins an array of interfaces to various selected service and information providers, including: Bloomberg's Trading System (TOMS), Bloomberg's Consolidated Message Feed (CMF), Bloomberg's Pricing Engine, SunGard's Phase 3 back office system, Thomson Financial's BETA back office system, Financial Oxygen's branded web application, BondDesk's ECN, and NASD's TRACE Reporting.

The **Pivot 2** suite is an integrated framework of communication interfaces and rules engines. Which may be mixed and matched to satisfy a broker dealer's STP requirements. This comprehensive mid-office tool is engineered to accept an ever expanding set interfaces and swiftly accommodate changes in the client selected providers and/or systems. The vast majority of transactions are processed straight-through, however should remedial actions be necessary, the **Pivot 2** suite provides a Graphical User Interface (GUI) application to identify or track exceptions and provide authorized user control over the remedial process.

Keystone Software Corp., established in 1986, has been involved in both consulting and software development for numerous financial institutions. For the past 20 years, these relationships have been primarily with banks, bank broker-dealers and broker/dealers and have dealt with every major aspect of brokerage. The principals have seen the most recent evolution in brokerage operation models and the initiation of several brokerage back and front office systems, including WEB-based initiatives. Keystone has contributed in the area of systems design, business analysis, technical evaluations, and project management for Security Pacific National Bank, Security Pacific Brokers Inc., Bank of America Brokerage, Wells Fargo Institutional Brokerage & Sales, Southwest Securities Inc., Swiss Bank Corp., Prudential Asset Management, Securities Transfer And Reporting Services Inc., Piper Jaffray, and internationally, Banco Consolidado (Venezuela).

For more information regarding the **Pivot 2** product suite and the new ValuBond interface, please contact Roy Barber at 845.469.9108 or RPBarber@keystone-software.com. Or visit our web site at www.keystone-software.com for a product brochure.