

## Reuters Acquisition of Bridge Assets Clears US Regulatory Review

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**London** - Reuters, the global information, news and technology group, said it has been informed that the US government has closed its review of Reuters bid to acquire certain assets of Bridge Information Systems Inc. without taking any action or imposing any conditions. The bid had been subject to review by the US Department of Justice under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Act since early May.

Bridge and Reuters are working together with the intention of satisfying the remaining closing conditions and completing the transaction within the next few weeks. Accordingly, Reuters has exercised its right to extend the term of the purchase agreement to 30 September 2001.

Bridge and some of its affiliates have been in reorganisation proceedings under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code since earlier this year. In late April, Bridge declared Reuters the winner of an auction for certain of Bridge's business operations, and the US Bankruptcy Court approved the Reuters bid in early May.

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