



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Former Gartner Analyst, Joseph Byrne, Joins The Linley Group**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA—August 19, 2005—The Linley Group, the leading supplier of technology analysis for networking silicon, announced that well-known analyst Joseph Byrne has joined the firm. Formerly a principal analyst with Gartner Research, Byrne brings a breadth of experience in networking chips and other semiconductors.

"Joe is widely recognized as one of the industry's leading analysts covering the semiconductor market," said Linley Gwennap, president and principal analyst at The Linley Group. "He has both the deep technical background and business acumen we require of our analysts. We're delighted to have him join us, and I know that our clients will benefit from his insight."

Byrne joins a world-class team of semiconductor analysts covering emerging areas such as network processors, access processors, Gigabit and 10G Ethernet, switch fabrics, high-speed embedded processors, communications chips, security and content processors, high-speed interconnects, storage networking silicon, and much more.

"It is good to be part of a team that clients hold in high regard for its comprehension of technical issues and ability to offer strategic advice," said Joseph Byrne. "I'm happy for the opportunity to contribute to the growth of a firm with unparalleled expertise and dedication to in-depth analysis of communications semiconductors."

Byrne's 15 years of industry experience includes leading Gartner's coverage of networking semiconductors and computing semiconductors, including microprocessors, system-logic chipsets, graphics processors, and wireless LAN chips. He also authored Gartner's seminal report on digital camera technology, and covered embedded microprocessors in the late 1990s. Before serving as an analyst, Byrne held consulting positions with Gartner, Deloitte consulting, and smaller firms in the U.S. and Europe.

He began his career as a microprocessor designer for SMOS Systems, where he honed his technical skills as a principal engineer. Byrne earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Duke University and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

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