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## **MerchantBanc Partnership Acquires OuterLink**

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MerchantBanc, LLC announced today that a private investment fund under its management, **MB Growth Partners II, LP**, has purchased **OuterLink Corporation** in partnership with company management. The company was purchased from Digital Angel, Inc. (AMEX: DOC).

OuterLink (Lowell, MA) develops and sells data messaging systems that use satellites to manage fleets of helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, trucks and other key mobile assets. Operations personnel use the system to track minute-by-minute movement, monitor on-board sensors, and conduct bi-directional messaging with mobile assets spread around the globe.

MerchantBanc Managing Director, Frank Pinto, stated: "OuterLink is a company that has terrific growth potential in a very well defined and evolving niche. Economic and security pressures have created a large and growing need for better tracking of mobile assets. OuterLink offers the best solution worldwide."

MB Growth Partners II, LP is MerchantBanc's second private investment fund. The partnership invests in later-stage entrepreneurial companies that are well positioned to grow revenues from \$5 million to \$20 million or more in three to five years. Investments are structured to finance acquisitions, fund growth or both.

### **About OuterLink** ([www.outerlink.com](http://www.outerlink.com))

OuterLink was founded in 1991 with a mission to provide a complete end-to-end solution for secure, real-time, continent-wide tracking and messaging for high-value mobile assets. The company's product development and marketing efforts focus on the general aviation industry, with particular emphasis on the needs of owners of large helicopter fleets operating in geographically remote areas.

### **About MerchantBanc, LLC** ([www.merchantbanc.com](http://www.merchantbanc.com))

MerchantBanc, LLC manages private investment funds specializing in acquisition financing and growth funding for later-stage entrepreneurial companies throughout New England. The firm currently manages two funds, MerchantBanc Venture Partners, LP, and MB Growth Partners II, LP. The partnerships are capitalized by leading banks, university endowments, development companies and individuals throughout New England.

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