

Press Release

Reliance Capital arm makes its first PE investment

Mumbai, April 28, 2010: Reliance Equity Advisors (India) Limited (REAIL), the private equity arm of Reliance Capital Limited, today announced its first investment from its third party Private Equity Fund. The investment has been made in the core and rapidly growing education sector in India.

This investment marks REAIL's foray into PE investment and follows a successful round of third party fund raising in its Reliance Alternative Investments Fund – Private Equity Scheme 1.

The company has recently completed its first round of third party fund raising among banks, other institutions and HNIs in India and is expected to significantly increase its corpus this year with additional domestic and international fund raising.

"We feel the education sector offers tremendous growth potential and is poised for rapid growth in the next few years. We are delighted to make our first PE investment in this socially important sector in India. Going forward we would be looking at more such emerging opportunities in this sector" said Mr. Ramesh Venkat, CEO, REAIL.

REAIL has made its first investment of Rs.100 crore in the parent company of Pathways, a well known brand in North India in the International Baccalaureate and education space.

"We are very happy to have Reliance PE on board and believe their immense experience will act as a major catalyst in accelerating our growth plans in the short and medium term. Pathways is on a rapid growth track and we are confident that this investment will bring significant value-add to the company. We look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship" said Mr. Prabhat Jain, promoter director, Pathways.

About Reliance Equity Advisors (India) Limited

Reliance Equity Advisors (India) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Capital Limited, is the Investment Manager of the Reliance Alternative Investments Fund – Private Equity Scheme 1 (a private equity fund). The objective of the fund is to raise third party funds in addition to sponsor contribution and make portfolio investments.

The fund was launched with the aim of making investments into sunrise industries in India, offering an opportunity to participate in the growth of one of the world's fastest growing economies. Reliance Equity Advisors focuses on a range of investment opportunities across growth and consolidation capital, minority investment, buy-in, buy-out and acquisition financing in India.

Reliance Equity Advisors has a team of 11 professionals with substantial Private Equity and M&A experience, and has evaluated several investment themes before selecting the approach it believes will generate the highest upside in a fast growing economy.

