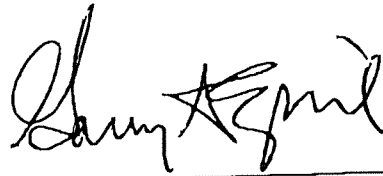


**CONSENT**

I, Garry A. Spire, acknowledge that, as a result of the transaction proposed in the instant application, Lawrence H. Rogow alone will have negative control over the actions of Venture Technologies Group, L.L.C., and I consent to that result.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry A. Spire", written over a horizontal line.

Garry A. Spire

July 23, 2003