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## **South River Technologies Announces Partnership with Geospiza**

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Annapolis, MD - May 18, 2004 - South River Technologies today announced it has entered into an OEM partnership with Seattle, Washington based Geospiza, Inc. to license its WebDrive® product. WebDrive is a South River Technologies file transfer client that uses a mapped drive letter to access remote files as if they were on a local computer.

Geospiza specializes in software systems for data management and analysis, to allow researchers, laboratory managers and technicians to get the most information out of their data. Researchers use Geospiza's *Finch*®-Server to capture data from laboratory instruments, store data files along with experimental information, distribute data through a web-based interface and export data for further analysis in a variety of formats.

Geospiza is using WebDrive to transfer data from DNA sequencing instruments to the *Finch-Server* database management system. WebDrive is also being used to transfer DNA sequencing chromatogram files from the *Finch-Server* to end user computers.

The advantage for Geospiza customers is they can centrally maintain large volumes of DNA sequence data and distribute copies to many scientists using the familiar interface native to the Windows Operating Systems. "WebDrive is ideal for us, because it reduces the variability and eliminates the many problems we have with different versions of Windows, browsers and networking" says Todd Smith, PhD, CEO of Geospiza. "WebDrive enhances our product offering by eliminating the troubleshooting inherent in legacy operating systems and browsers and reducing complexity by providing a single method for data transfer."

### **About South River Technologies**

Founded in 1996, South River Technologies develops file management software which is used for file collaboration, shared access and website management. All SRT products include strong security to provide encrypted data transfer. This unique client technology, commercially available as WebDrive®, integrates into the Windows environment, creating an instantly familiar interface for the end user, reducing training and support costs. This technology is also licensed to independent software vendors to add functionality to existing product suites. ISPs can also license re-branded versions of our products as an add-on to their service offerings.

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