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**PRESIDENT OF PRISMA MICROFINANCE WINS ACCLAIM FOR
MICROENTERPRISE BANKING WORK IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

**Prestigious awards from Compaq and Haas Business School
recognize pioneering work in microfinance**

BOSTON, MA, June 20, 2001 – Prisma Microfinance, Inc., a leading microenterprise financial services firm, today announced that David Satterthwaite, president and CEO of Prisma, is a recipient of the 2001 Compaq Leadership Award, and that the firm has been recognized by the Haas Social Venture Competition at the Haas Business School at the University of California, Berkeley, for its pioneering work in social return on investment analysis. The Compaq award was presented to Satterthwaite on June 15, 2001, at the City Year national leadership conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Coming on the heels of Prisma's recently announced Series B private equity finance round, the awards recognize Prisma's leadership in the use of private capital markets in the US to fund small loans for entrepreneurs in Nicaragua who have lacked access to traditional credit and financial services.

"It's a tremendous privilege to receive recognition for our work in Central America from Compaq and the Haas School," said Satterthwaite, "but ultimately the people who deserve credit are the entrepreneurs we serve in Managua who are changing the lives of their families by starting their own businesses, and the US investors who are pioneering the expansion of microfinance as a viable model for socially responsible investing."

With US headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts and operations in Nicaragua, Prisma has been leading change in the microenterprise banking field — currently dominated by non-profit organizations — by providing a for-profit vehicle for private equity investing in the microfinance industry, which is estimated to be a \$270 billion market worldwide.

About Prisma Microfinance, Inc.

Prisma Microfinance, Inc. is a private, mission-driven, microenterprise financial services firm with US headquarters in Boston and operations in Nicaragua. Since its founding in 1995, Prisma has made over 1,500 loans to individual entrepreneurs and small businesses. It is currently managing a loan portfolio of \$850,000. Prisma has grown at an average annual rate of more than 50%, and operated profitably for the last six years. Prisma's entire portfolio represents private investor capital on which Prisma offers both compelling social returns and competitive financial returns. For more information visit the Prisma website at www.prismamicrofinance.com.

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