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SERENA SOFTWARE, INC.

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This filing consists of a form of letter to the Company's Customers informing them of the proposed merger.

November 11, 2005

Dear [Customer Name]:

This morning we announced that Serena Software has entered into a definitive agreement under which Serena will be acquired by Silver Lake Partners in a transaction valued at approximately \$1.2 billion. Members of Serena management will also retain minority equity stakes in the company. The transaction is expected to close in Serena's first quarter of calendar year 2006, subject to the receipt of stockholder approval and customary regulatory approvals, as well as satisfaction of other customary closing conditions, including receipt of debt financing pursuant to customary commitment letters. We believe this will provide us far greater flexibility to meet your needs now and into the future.

We do not expect that there will be any material alteration to our customer agreements, products, services, management team or organizational structure as a result of this transaction. While we expect the Serena leadership team will remain the same, we believe that we will be strengthened by the resources, expertise, and relationships of our new partner, Silver Lake.

Silver Lake has an excellent track record in helping established high-profile technology companies maximize their potential. Silver Lake's portfolio of market-leading companies includes SunGard Data Systems, Seagate Technologies, Ameritrade, Nasdaq and Gartner.

Please contact your Serena sales representative if you have any questions. We want you to feel as excited about this news as we are! Thank you for your confidence in Serena.

Sincerely,

Mark Woodward

Chief Executive Officer

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Serena will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other documents filed by Serena at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The proxy statement and other relevant documents may also be obtained for free from Serena by directing such request to Serena Investor Relations, 2755 Campus Drive, 3rd Floor, San Mateo, California 94403-2538, USA, telephone: (650) 522-6600.

Serena and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from its stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests of such directors and executive officers is included in Serena's Proxy Statement for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005, and information concerning all of Serena's participants in the solicitation will be included in the proxy statement relating to the proposed merger when it becomes available. Each of these documents is, or will be, available free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov> and from Serena Investor Relations, 2755 Campus Drive, 3rd Floor, San Mateo, California 94403-2538, USA, telephone: (650) 522-6600.