

Seaway secures US\$8M in new financing

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Local startup Seaway Networks has received a second round of venture capital financing worth US\$8 million that management believes will be enough to reach the profitability mark within the next two years.

The financing is the first for Seaway since it received a first round worth about US\$15 million early in 2002.

The company was founded in January 2001 by 13 former Nortel employees under the name Camelot Content Technologies.

Seaway develops chips and network cards for use in Internet infrastructure that speed up the transfer of data. The selling point of Seaway's technology is that it improves security to protect a network from viruses and hacker attacks.

Contributing to the second round were all of Seaway's first-round investors-- VenGrowth Capital Partners, JK&B Capital, Novacap, and Venture Coaches.

The fresh cash will be used to expand product development and sales. At this point the company has no plans to significantly expand its workforce of 41. Most of its workforce is located in Ottawa, with a handful of staff in San Jose.