**Imagis retains U.S. Investment Banking Firm, Roth Capital Partners**

Vancouver, Canada  December 13, 2001: Imagis Technologies Inc. (Imagis) (OTCBB: IGSTF; CDNX:  
NAB; Germany: IGY) announced today that it has retained Roth Capital Partners headquartered in Newport  
Beach, California, to act as its financial advisor.  
During the next six months, Roth Capital has agreed to advise Imagis on strategic alternatives, including  
financing, mergers and acquisitions, business combinations, and joint ventures.

Roth Capital is a full service U.S. investment bank servicing emerging growth companies in the small and  
micro-cap market. Since 1993, Roth Capital Partners has raised approximately $3.5 billion for more than 140  
companies. In addition to providing investment banking and capital markets services, Roth Capital provides  
investment research and assistance on private placements as well as mergers and acquisitions advisory services.

Mr. Iain Drummond, Imagis President and CEO commented, We are pleased to have retained Roth Capital as  
our financial advisors in the United States. We received proposals from several leading North American  
brokerage firms, and chose Roth Capital because of their expertise in the emerging growth sector. They have an  
excellent track record in identifying exceptional companies with significant long-term growth prospects and  
assisting them in accessing U.S. institutional capital, providing mergers and acquisitions advice and generally  
enhancing the visibility of their clients in the U.S. market place. They have a particular commitment to microcap  
and small-cap companies and have had recent successes in the security sector.

In addition, Imagis reports that effective Friday, December 14, 2001, it will be upgraded to Tier 1 of the  
Canadian Venture Exchange Inc. (the Exchange). Approximately 13% of the Exchanges listed companies  
are categorized as Tier 1 issuers, comprising the most senior and advanced companies listed on the Exchange.  
In order to be listed on Tier 1, companies must meet stringent requirements in terms of net tangible assets,  
working capital, management expertise and public distribution, which the Company has now achieved. Mr.  
Rory Godinho, Director and Corporate Secretary, stated, We are pleased that the Canadian Venture Exchange  
has recognized our Companys growth and maturity into one of the Exchanges more senior companies. We  
feel this is a significant milestone and an important step in achieving our goal of gaining greater public exposure  
to match the significant inroads the Company has made in providing leading edge facial recognition technology  
to the security industry. The Board of Directors wish to thank our management, staff and advisors for their  
dedication and hard work in achieving these goals.

About Roth Capital Partners

Roth Capital Partners is a leading full service investment bank that serves corporate, institutional and individual  
clients. The firm specializes in providing emerging growth companies with access to the capital markets and to  
financial advisory services at every stage of the companys lifecycle. The firm offers a complete range of  
banking services to growth companies, including initial public offerings, follow-on equity offerings, investment  
research, sales and trading, private placements, mergers and acquisitions, and other financial advisory services.  
The firm seeks to discover innovative investment ideas and to bring them the expertise and resources of a full  
service investment bank. Roth Capital Partners maintains corporate headquarters in Newport Beach, as well as  
offices in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and Seattle. Visit the Roth Capital Partners website at  
http://www.rothcp.com.

About IMAGIS

Imagis (OTCBB: IGSTF; CDNX: NAB; Germany: IGY) is a developer and marketer of software applications and  
advanced biometric facial recognition software solutions both as products and as a Software Development Kit.  
These applications provide a range of security solutions in various industry sectors including airports, law  
enforcement, customs, immigration and other government agencies, and gaming. Imagis currently has over 130  
national and international installations with excess of a thousand users of its biometric facial recognition  
technology, including at Torontos Pearson International Airport, the worlds 16th busiest airport and Oakland  
International Airport, which serves more than 10 million travelers per year, and several installations throughout  
Canada, Mexico, and the UK. Imagis markets its products through a network of business partners located in  
North America, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Imagis Chairman is Oliver Buck Revell, who served for  
over 30 years in the FBI, and during his career advanced to the number two-career post of Associate Deputy  
Director. Imagis is on the web at http://www.imagistechnologies.com