



## Reuters agrees to sell VentureOne For £21M

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**London** – Reuters, the global information and news group, has agreed to sell its majority stake in VentureOne Corporation to Wicks Business Information, LLC subject to customary closing conditions for a consideration of £21 million in cash. Reuters expects to realise in the order of £17 million of pre-tax profit in the second half of this year.

VentureOne Corporation, based in San Francisco, provides information and research for the venture capital investment industry.

Reuters acquired VentureOne in January 1999.

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