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### TRANSMETA LANDS \$88M

On April 24, Silicon Valley startup Transmeta (see [MPR 2/14/00-01](#), "Transmeta Breaks x86 Low-Power Barrier") announced that it had secured \$88 million in financing from an impressive list of corporate investors, including AOL, Compaq, FIC, Gateway, Phoenix, Samsung, Sony, and Quanta. Of the \$88 million, \$16 million came from existing investors Soros Fund, Paul Allen's Vulcan Ventures, Van Wagoner Capital, Invemed, Tudor, Five Points Capital, and Deutsche Bank. This successful round of financing from such a powerful group of companies can only be interpreted as a

strong vote of confidence in Transmeta's code-morphing technology, its products, and its future.

Such a large sum indicates that the fabless chip company, which is focused on the low-power mobile market, has some very big plans for future growth. The company hasn't disclosed plans for new Crusoe processors beyond the TM3120 and TM5400, but, considering that IBM fabs these parts, Transmeta would be remiss if it weren't eyeing IBM's SOI technology (see [MPR 5/1/00-01](#), "IBM Paving the Way to 0.10 Micron"), which would significantly reduce power consumption without sacrificing speed. —K.D. 

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