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APEX COVANTAGE EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE TO BETTER SERVE CLIENTS IN EUROPE AND AUSTRALASIA

Expansion Will Enhance International Client Sales and Support Capabilities

HERNDON, VA – May 30, 2003 – Apex CoVantage, a leading American provider of Global Process Outsourcing services, announced today that it is expanding its international presence in order to better serve Global Process Outsourcing clients in Europe and Australasia. To date, clients in these geographic markets have been supported directly from Apex CoVantage headquarters in Herndon, Virginia. Following today's announcement, most of these clients will be supported by a specialized Global Sales And Support (GSS) organization operating from a network of Apex CoVantage offices located outside the United States. The first GSS office is expected to open later this month.

"Demand for Global Process Outsourcing services is booming," said Shashikant Gupta, President of Apex CoVantage, "and an increasing share of this demand is coming from sophisticated, multinational companies headquartered outside the United States, particularly in Europe and Australasia. We are expanding our international presence in order to provide these customers with the highest quality sales, service and support experience. Of course, we remain fully committed to our North American clients – we are simply adding capability to serve important international markets where we are already successful and where we expect to grow quickly."

Dinesh Butani, Vice President of Business Development at Apex CoVantage, has been appointed to lead the GSS initiative. "Today's announcement reflects the rapid growth and changing nature of our Global Process Outsourcing business. Europe and Australasia are increasingly significant markets for us, and we are determined to provide the same high-quality service to our customers in those markets as we provide to our customers in North America. A dedicated international sales and support organization will help us achieve those objectives and demonstrate our long-term commitment to our international clients."

Apex CoVantage Network clients headquartered in Europe currently include Aegon, Cable & Wireless, Sainsbury and T-Mobile. Additionally, many Apex CoVantage Network clients in the United States have substantial international operations. These companies include American International Group (AIG), McDonald's, General Electric and UUNET.

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About Apex CoVantage

Apex CoVantage (www.apexcovantage.com) is a leading provider of Global Process Outsourcing services to Fortune 1000 companies in the United States, Europe, and the Pacific Rim. The company is headquartered in Herndon, VA, and is affiliated with Apex. Founded in 1988, Apex is an innovative and fast-growing provider of IT-enabled services to businesses, governments and educational institutions. The company's ePublishing business unit transforms archives, special collections, and other source materials into high-value, high-impact digital assets. The company's Geospatial business unit provides geospatial data migration and maintenance services for GIS and other information management systems. A separate Apex subsidiary, LinearVision, provides rapid, precise and customized visual data solutions for linear asset owners, such as utilities and railroads.