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Covad Certifies IP PBX Providers for New Integrated Phone and Internet Service

Certified providers include TalkSwitch, Grandstream, Vertical and Epygi

San Jose, Calif. – December 9, 2008 – Covad Communications Company, a leading national provider of voice and data communications, today announced it has certified IP PBXs from TalkSwitch, Grandstream, Vertical and Epygi for its new Covad Integrated Access service.

IP PBXs certified by Covad include:

- TalkSwitch IP PBX equipped for VoIP (models 244/248vs, 284/288vs, 484/488vs and 844/848vs)
- Grandstream GXE502X ALL-IN-ONE IPPBX
- Vertical Xcelerator IP
- Epygi Quadro 2x and Quadro 4x IP PBX

“Covad Integrated Access service is an affordable, all-in-one phone and Internet service designed specifically for businesses with up to 35 employees per location to simplify their operations by looking to one vendor to provide their phone and Internet services. This means one bill and one contact for support,” said Jake Heinz, vice president and general manager, Covad VoIP. “Certification means Covad has tested the equipment and found it to work well with our Covad Integrated Access service.”

Covad Integrated Access service is delivered over a powerful voice-optimized T1 line and works with customers’ existing phone systems so businesses can leverage their equipment investment while saving money and simplifying operations. Covad Integrated Access now also utilizes SIP trunking and supports a wide range of IP, digital and analog PBXs.

Pricing starts as low as \$435 per month with no installation fees, depending upon contract length and services ordered. Customers can start with as few as four phone lines. New lines can also be added one at a time, rather than in the more typical “blocks” offered by competitors, making it easier to grow the service with the company.

Integrated Access service uses Covad’s voice-optimized technology to dynamically allocate bandwidth between voice and data. By always prioritizing voice traffic and automatically allocating all remaining bandwidth to data traffic, it provides maximum call quality and data throughput.

Covad Integrated Access service is backed by expert 24x7 support and robust service level agreements.



About Covad

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of integrated voice and data communications. The company offers DSL, Voice Over IP, T1, broadband wireless, Web hosting, managed security, IP and dial-up, and bundled voice and data services directly through Covad's network and through Internet Service Providers, value-added resellers, telecommunications carriers and affinity groups to small and medium-sized businesses and home users. Covad broadband services are currently available across the nation in 44 states and 235 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and can be purchased by more than 57 million homes and businesses, which represent over 50 percent of all US homes and businesses. Corporate headquarters is located at 110 Rio Robles San Jose, CA 95134. Telephone: 1-888-GO-COVAD. Web Site: www.covad.com.

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