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**VERTEX[®] DELIVERS FULLY INTEGRATED E-COMMERCE TAX
SOLUTION FOR ORACLE I-STORE CUSTOMERS**

Quantum integration also available to Business OnLine users

BERWYN, Pa. – August 31, 2000– To provide reliable and efficient sales and use tax calculations on electronic commerce transactions, Vertex Inc. has introduced a CIA certified integration with Oracle iStore, an electronic commerce application that provides a web-based channel for unassisted selling of products direct to customers. Whether it's Vertex's eQuantum for Sales and Use Tax, Quantum for Sales & Use Tax, Quantum for Property Tax, or Quantum for Payroll Tax, the certified integration between these Quantum products and Oracle 11i Financial System represents a seamless and simplified solution to all business tax needs.

The integration enables the Quantum product suite to accept transaction data passed from iStore in order to provide a sales tax quote and/or final tax calculation during checkout to the online customer. The system includes databases to determine the appropriate taxing jurisdiction, applicable tax rates, and any customer-, product-, or jurisdiction-based exceptions. The tax amount is then passed back to the host application and, if necessary, recorded in a register database for tax reporting purposes.

“As Oracle applications users implement their e-business strategies, Vertex's certified integration will enable them to continue to rely on us for the most technologically robust tax compliance solutions,” said John Viglione, Vertex Chief Technology Office. “We're pleased to add an Internet solution to our standard sales and use tax, property tax, and payroll interfaces with Oracle applications.”

About Vertex Inc.

Vertex Inc. is the leading developer of state and local tax compliance software and complementary research. Headquartered in Berwyn, PA with regional offices in Chicago, Dallas, and Walnut Creek, CA, Vertex develops tax compliance solutions for use in ERP, CRM, and e-commerce applications. The company's strategic partnerships include Clarify, IBM, JD Edwards, Lawson, Microsoft, Oracle, PeopleSoft, SAP, and Siebel. Vertex's solutions help end-users facilitate tax planning, develop tax reduction strategies, and identify other important contributions that affect a company's tax structure. Vertex is a registered trademark and Quantum is a trademark of Vertex Inc. More information: www.vertexinc.com.

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