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VERTEX[®] TO SUPPORT ORACLE E-BUSINESS SUITE INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE

Oracle Partners To Help Clients Improve Efficiency Utilizing Global, Single Instance Capability of Information Architecture

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, ORACLE APPSWORLD, January 17, 2002—Oracle Corp., the world's largest enterprise software company, and Vertex Inc., the industry leader in state and local tax compliance solutions for corporations, today announced Vertex's support for the Oracle E-Business Suite Information Architecture. Information Architecture is a foundation that provides a single, open, global enterprise data model across all applications and enables companies to achieve a unified and global information management strategy. Because many businesses with global locations face challenges regarding information fragmentation, data accuracy and completeness, Vertex will be able to use Oracle's Information Architecture to provide a true global data definition to run worldwide operations and processes.

“Oracle's Information Architecture is designed to handle multiple currencies, languages and organizations in one schema,” said John Viglione, Vertex's chief technology officer. “Our support of Information Architecture will allow us to help our clients implement a global information management strategy quickly, efficiently, and at lower IT costs.”

Oracle Information Architecture

Oracle's Information Architecture underlies each module of the Oracle E-Business Suite. An open, standards-based applications foundation, Information Architecture consolidates data across Oracle and non-Oracle applications to improve the quality of information and business intelligence delivered. The key component, the single data model, allows a consistent definition of a customer, supplier, partner or

employee across all application modules and the entire enterprise. In addition, the Oracle Information Architecture is global, accessible from any device and easily configurable.

The Oracle E-Business Suite

The Oracle E-Business Suite is the industry's first integrated suite of Internet business applications that automates critical business processes across both front- and back-office operations. In 2001, the Oracle E-Business Suite, which streamlines every area of a business - marketing, sales, service, procurement, supply chain, manufacturing, financials and human resources - was implemented by more than 1,110 companies around the world. Now, more than 12,000 customers are currently enjoying the benefits of the Oracle E-Business Suite.

Since its initial introduction, Oracle has delivered six releases of E-Business Suite enhancements, resulting in a mature, function-rich set of applications. Oracle E-Business Suite also offers customers an unprecedented amount of choice and flexibility when implementing business applications; its open architecture and single data model allow applications to be deployed as individual modules, business flows, or as an entire integrated suite. The Oracle E-Business Suite can also be deployed onto customer-owned hardware in a traditional fashion at the customer's site, or deployed as an online service.

About Vertex Inc.

Founded in 1974, Vertex Inc. is a privately held firm providing more than 10,000 corporate customers with tax compliance software and research services for sales and use tax, property tax, payroll tax, and telecommunications tax. Headquartered in Berwyn, PA, with regional offices in Chicago, Dallas, Washington D.C., and Walnut Creek, CA, Vertex develops tax compliance solutions for use in Enterprise Resource Planning, Customer Relationship Management, and e-commerce applications. Vertex's solutions help end-users facilitate tax planning, develop tax reduction strategies, and identify other important factors that affect a company's tax structure. Vertex® is a registered trademark of Vertex Inc. For more information about Vertex visit our website at www.vertexinc.com.

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