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Below is a form of an e-mail message dated July 23, 2007 from Todd Bradley, Executive Vice President, Personal Systems Group, of HP, to certain HP partners:

July 23, 2007

To (contact name will be inserted):

I m writing to let you know that HP issued a press release this morning announcing that we have signed a definitive merger agreement to purchase Neoware, Inc., a publicly held global company that is a provider of thin client computing and virtualization solutions.

We re making this move as part of our strategy to expand into attractive emerging, high-growth areas in this case, thin clients and client virtualization and drive profitable growth for our PC business. As you are probably aware, we already have a portfolio of Windows-based thin clients. Adding Neoware s thin client business will expand our portfolio to include Linux-based thin clients, plus additional software and services for developing customized solutions.

We expect to close the deal in Q4 of this calendar year. Until then, today s announcement should not impact your business with us. HP and Neoware will continue operating as independent companies, and we ask that you continue to conduct business with us separately as you do today.

After the acquisition, HP plans to integrate Neoware into our Business PC organization, led by VP Kevin Frost, as part of our Desktop Global Business Unit.

Please have your teams contact Kevin s team directly if you have any questions. Long-term roadmaps and an organizational structure will be made available as soon as possible after the close.

Best regards,

Todd

Additional Information and Where to Find It

Neoware intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a proxy statement and other relevant materials in connection with the merger. The proxy statement will be mailed to the stockholders of Neoware. Before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the merger, investors and stockholders of Neoware are urged to read the proxy statement and the other relevant materials when they become available because they will contain important information about the merger. The proxy statement and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Neoware with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and stockholders of Neoware may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC from Cameron Associates, 1370 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, +1 212 245 8800.

Participants in the Solicitation

Neoware and HP and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Neoware stockholders in connection

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with the merger. Information about HP s directors and executive officers is set forth in the proxy statement on Schedule 14A for HP s 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on January 23, 2007. Information about Neoware s directors and executive officers is set forth in the proxy statement on Schedule 14A for Neoware s 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on October 30, 2006. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the merger will be included in the proxy statement that Neoware intends to file with the SEC.

Forward-looking statements

This letter contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If such risks or uncertainties materialize or such assumptions prove incorrect, the results of HP and its consolidated subsidiaries could differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and assumptions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including the expected benefits and costs of the transaction; management plans relating to the transaction; the expected timing of the completion of the transaction; the ability to complete the transaction considering the various closing conditions, including those conditions related to regulatory approvals; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations, including the execution of integration plans; any statements of expectation or belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Risks, uncertainties and assumptions include the possibility that expected benefits may not materialize as expected; that the transaction may not be timely completed, if at all; that, prior to the completion of the transaction, Neoware s business may not perform as expected due to transaction-related uncertainty or other factors; that the parties are unable to successfully implement integration strategies; and other risks that are described in HP s and Neoware s Securities and Exchange Commission reports, including but not limited to the risks described in HP s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2007 and Neoware s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2007. HP assumes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.